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# CHENNAULT, WILLAUER PURCHASE CNAC, CATC

## Hong Kong Government asked to protect assets

### STATEMENT ON SALE

Major-General Claire L. Chennault and Mr. Whiting Willauer, in their capacity as private individuals, have purchased the Chinese Government's interest in CNAC and CATC planes, equipment and other operational properties, reports United Press.

They have served notice on the United States, British and Hong Kong authorities that they expect protection and the release of planes now grounded at Kai Tak.

The United Press learned that the Nationalist Government has notified the State Department in Washington and the Foreign Office in London that the contested planes and equipment have been sold outright to General Chennault and Mr. Willauer.

The two Americans made the deal separately in their positions as President and Executive Vice-President of Civil Air Transport.

It was learned that they have arranged a long-term amortisation which will be financed by revenue bonds if and when the transaction is recognised by the British and Hong Kong authorities and the planes are released for operation.

Official Chinese sources—in the light of developments since the planes were grounded late in October following the defection of the Chinese directors and staff of the two airlines—too the transaction not only as a business deal but as a challenge by the Americans to Communist efforts to gain control of millions of dollars worth of aircraft and equipment.

It is also interpreted as an appeal to the U.S. State Department to protect American-owned interests by intervening in the current litigation in Hong Kong courts, in which both the Nationalist Government and the Communists are seeking legal title to the property of the two airlines.

**Call on Governor**

Government House confirmed that General Chennault and Mr. Willauer called on the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, yesterday and outlined their position.

They produced documents from the Chinese Government in which the sale was executed, and presented the viewpoint that the planes were now their property.

They further asked the Governor for protection against sabotage, which was executed, and presented the viewpoint that the planes were now their property.

**The Weather**

At 0400 GMT (8 p.m. HKT) the moderate anti-cyclone covering China with a ridge extending over Japan and the adjacent seas. A weak depression is possibly forming over Ryukyu.

Today's Forecast: Moderate or fresh E. winds. Fair.

Yesterday's Weather:—  
Maximum: 63.5 deg. F.  
Minimum: 51.5 deg. F.  
Sunshine: 6.7 hour.  
Rainfall: NIL. Total since Jan. 1: 205.5 mm (8.1 in.) as against an average of 112.5 mm (4.4 in.)

Readings at:—  
10 a.m. 6 p.m.  
Dew at 6 a.m. 101.5 101.5 m.b.  
Humidity at 6 a.m. 80.5 75.5  
Rel. Humidity 80 75  
Dew Point 58 55 deg. F.  
Wind Direction 20 2 by N  
Wind Force 11 12 knots  
Time 1011 1011  
High 1011 1011  
Low 1010 1010

## Menzies casts his vote



Mr. R. G. Menzies, Australian Liberal Party leader and his daughter, Heather, are seen voting at Dalwyn, Victoria, Australia, during the Australian general elections. The election resulted in a victory for the Liberal and Country Parties coalition. Thus after eight years Australia has ousted the Labour Party from control.—A.P. Photo.

## Peking-Soviet split reported

Washington, December 17.

High American officials are convinced that a split is developing between Communist China and Moscow over the control of Manchuria.

They expressed belief that this is probably an issue of major importance in the current Moscow talks between Generalissimo Stalin and the Chinese Red leader, Mao Tse-tung.

The question of Manchuria is regarded here as a point of tremendous value in shaping of a new American policy for fighting Russian-directed Communism throughout Asia, including China.

For, while American policy makers believe that Mao and Stalin will do everything possible to minimise the effects of their natural conflict of interests in Manchuria, they also believe that the split will get wider.

Mao's Moscow trip is viewed here as being well timed to provide a close Russo-Chinese study of several vital problems with which the Russian Communist world of the Far East is now confronted as a result of Mao's conquest of all China.

Among the most important of these problems as they are seen by State Department officials are these:

How can Russia and the new China demonstrate complete solidarity? This is expected to be accomplished by a Sino-Russian treaty of friendship and possibly by a treaty of alliance. This might follow the pattern of Russia's alliances with the Eastern European satellites and make the common enemy of World War Two the obvious excuse for a military pact.

In Eastern Europe, the pact have been directed against Germany, in the Far East it would be Japan.

How far and how fast Far Eastern Communists should now seek power beyond the borders of China?

Should this be done by China's Red armies through open attacks on guerrilla warfare, or by Chinese living in the other countries? Most Washington concern centres on Burma and Indo-China as the next points of Communist pressure. There is also concern over Tibet.

## AUSTRALIAN CABINET LINE-UP ANNOUNCED

Canberra, December 18.

Mr. R. G. Menzies, the new Australian Prime Minister, tonight announced his Liberal-Country Party Coalition Cabinet.

The main posts were filled as follows: Treasurer, Mr. A. W. Fadden (Country Party); External Affairs and External Territories, Mr. P. C. Spender (Liberal); Post-war Reconstruction, Mr. E. J. Harrison (Liberal).

Other members of the new Cabinet were: Minister of Immigration and Labour and National Services: Mr. H. E. Holt. Minister of Commerce and Agriculture: Mr. J. McEwen. Minister of Supply, Development, Works and Housing: Mr. R. G. Casey. Minister of the Interior: Mr. L. A. McBride. Minister of Health: Sir Earle Page. Minister of Trade and Customs: Senator N. O'Sullivan. Minister of Fuel and Shipping: Senator-elect G. McLeay. Minister of Air and Civil Aviation: Mr. T. White. Postmaster General: Mr. H. L. Anthony. Minister for the Army and Navy: Mr. J. Francis. Attorney General: Senator-elect J. A. Spicer. Vice-President of the Executive Council: Dame Edith Lyons. Minister of Social Services: Senator-elect W. Spooner. Minister of Repatriation: Senator W. J. Cooper. Minister of Information and Transport: Mr. H. Beale. Dame Edith Lyons, Liberal from Tasmania and widow of the Australian Prime Minister, the late Joseph Lyons, is the first woman to occupy a Cabinet post in Australia.

Dame Edith was also the first woman to sit in the Australian House of Representatives to which she was elected in 1943.

Mr. Menzies announced that the Government had nominated for the Speaker of the House of Representatives was the Liberal Party member, Mr. Archie Galbraith Cameron.

The new Cabinet is composed of 15 Liberals and five Country Party members.

**Menzies' plans**

Mr. Menzies, faced with the complicated job of de-Socialising the partially Socialist State, plans to ask Parliament for a law requiring a popular referendum on any future proposals for nationalisation, adds United Press in a Melbourne despatch.

Mr. Menzies' views, many of which were made known in speeches during the election campaign, were summarised by his press secretary, Mr. Robert "Willoughby."

Mr. Menzies will tackle the de-Socialisation job "not as a problem in theory but as one of common sense and hard practical fact." For reasons of political strategy he has decided to reveal the order in which his Government will tackle the job of unwinding Socialism. But he has said he will ask Parliament for a law requiring that the people be permitted to voice their opinion of every proposal on nationalisation.

In the election the people gave Mr. Menzies a definite mandate against nationalisation. The Liberal and Country parties won 74 seats to Labour's 48 with one seat still undecided in the House of Representatives.

While the Menzies group lacks a majority in the Senate, which has restricted rights, the Premier-elect does not expect the Labour majority there to block legislation passed by the House of Representatives. If it does Mr. Menzies will dissolve Parliament and call for new elections so confident is he that he could win again, maybe by even a better margin.

**Return of Ryukyus to Japan**

Tokyo, December 18.

Washington is considering the return of the Ryukyu Islands to Japan as part of the peace treaty with the United States retaining the right to establish military bases on the islands, the evening paper, "Tokyo Shimbun," said in a front-page story today.

The despatch, from Mr. Yoneo Sakai, the correspondent of the paper who is at present in Washington, said that it was believed the United States had decided on a non-intervention policy in Taiwan, merely insisting on the protection of lives and property of American nationals there.

On the other hand, the despatch added, the Americans were pushing fortifications on Okinawa. They have studied the claims to Okinawa by the Chinese and have decided against them, the despatch said. Two plans were being studied: first, the American administration of the Ryukyus under United Nations trusteeship, and second, the return of the Ryukyus to Japan with a reservation of the right to establish United States military bases on the islands.

The despatch pointed out that the second step would involve less cost and less problems for the United States than the first—Reuter.

**Bandits killed in Canton**

Three bandits were shot and killed in Canton yesterday shortly after 5.30 a.m.

They were among a party of more than 10 armed men on their way to carry out a robbery. The three were killed in a brief exchange of fire with a Communist military patrol, according to messages from Canton.

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## Angus Ward to confer with SCAP

Yokohama, December 18.

The Lakeland Victory bringing the U.S. Consul General, Mr. Angus Ward and his party from Mukden will dock here at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

"At Mr. Ward's convenience" the Consul will meet General MacArthur, it was revealed today and observers believed Mr. Ward would be anxious to have the latest authentic information from Red China which now has openly aligned itself with Russia.

There was some speculation that General MacArthur himself may be here at the dock when the Lakeland Victory arrives but this could not be confirmed. Officially, the reception committee is headed by General MacArthur's diplomatic chief, Mr. William J. Sebald.

Premier Shigeru Yoshida is preparing a letter which will be given to Mr. Ward, thanking him for what he did to speed the return of Japanese from Manchuria.

Top officials in General MacArthur's headquarters said Mr. Ward will arrange his own schedule while in Japan. He and Mrs. Ward are booked to leave Japan aboard the President Wilson on December 22.—United Press.

## Troops called out to shoot crazed circus elephant

London, December 18.

Troops were called out to shoot Tarka, the three-ton 50-year-old performing elephant which went mad at Preston, Lancashire, in a circus train.

She hurled a Swiss bear trainer through the window of her carriage and one by one broke four of the five chains holding her in check.

Tailway officials hurriedly called for the local office of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and they sent to the local barracks for troops.

Meanwhile, the crazed elephant's trumpeting wakened and terrified people sleeping near the goods yard where the circus train had been shunted and all trains on the main line Northwards were stopped for five hours.

Owing to the darkness it was decided it would be safest to wait until daylight and at dawn Bren gun crew drove slowly past in another wagon and fired at her eyes as a ground party of riflemen aimed at the animal's heart.

The RSPCA added the coup de grace.—Reuter.

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## Reminders

## Today

HK Women's International Club Special Xmas Dance (admission by ticket only) from 7.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.  
Seventh Annual Chinese Products Exhibition, on site opposite Peninsula Hotel, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Crown Land Sale, at PWD offices 3 p.m.  
Kowloon Junior School, annual quiz day 5.30 a.m.  
HK Singers rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.  
Inter-Service Rifle Meet, Stonecutters Island, 9 a.m.

## Coming Events

**TOMORROW**  
Nine Dragons' Services Club, Spotlight, Band of South Staffs, 8 p.m.  
HK Rotary Club luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.  
Union Club meeting, 6.30 p.m.  
Seventh Annual Chinese Products Exhibition, on site opposite Peninsula Hotel, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY

Nine Dragons' Services Club, Children, 12.15 to 1.30 p.m., HK Light Orchestra Concert, 9 p.m.  
The HK movie, 5.40 Macdonnell Hall, 8.30 p.m.  
Seventh Annual Chinese Products Exhibition, on site opposite Peninsula Hotel, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Christmas Carol Service, Hop Yut Church, Robinson Road, 8 p.m.

## Xmas messages to seamen

The Director of Marine, Hong Kong, has received Christmas messages from the Minister of Transport and the Secretary of State for the Colonies in London.

In his message the Minister of Transport says:

"A message of Christmas and New Year greetings and thanks to all those who, in the past year, have made it possible for our merchant seamen to enjoy Christmas in clubs and homes overseas. I also send my best wishes to all ranks of the merchant navy whose duty keeps them from home at this time of traditional reunion and it is my sincere hope that wherever they may be they will enjoy good cheer and good company. A happy Christmas and a good New Year to you all."

The Secretary of State for the Colonies says:

"In associating myself with the message from the Minister of Transport I send my very warm greetings and good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all those members of the merchant navy whose homes are in the colonies. My greetings also, and sincere thanks to all those responsible for the valuable work which is being done for the welfare of merchant seamen at colonial ports."

## Colonial air navigation order

The Colonial Air Navigation Order, 1949, was published in the "Government Gazette" for general information. An official explanatory note stated:

"The Order made under the Air Navigation Act, 1920 to 1947, and the Colonial Air Navigators (Application of Acts) Order, 1937 to 1947, replaces and revokes the Air Navigation (Colonies) Protectorates and Amended Territories Order, 1927, and the Amending Orders made thereto. "In this Order the provisions of the Order of 1927 have been revised and amplified to accord with current needs and to bring them into line with the Chicago Convention dated December 7, 1944, and such of the Annexes thereto relating to standards, practices and procedures as have been adopted or recommended for adoption by the International Civil Aviation Organization set up in accordance with the terms of the Convention."

## PI VICE-CONSUL FETED

Officials of the Philippine Consulate held a dinner-dance at the Victoria Recreation Club last night in honour of the Vice-Consul Leon T. Garcia who has been transferred to Karachi. Mr. Garcia will leave for his new post very shortly. Many members of the Filipino community and their friends attended the function. Music was supplied by Sol Faller and his Orchestra.

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## Liverpool suffer second defeat

London, December 17. Not one of the four divisional leaders won in today's League football programme. Liverpool and Notts County were beaten away while Tottenham Hotspur and Doncaster Rovers dropped points in games they were expected to win.

After playing their first 19 games without defeat, Liverpool lost for the second successive week. Notts County lost for the first time since August 24 after 18 Cup and League games without defeat, two late goals enabling Southend to retain an unbeaten home record.

Tottenham surprisingly conceded a home point to their lowly London rivals, Brentford, who had three men injured with one off during the second half.

At least as surprising was Doncaster's failure to beat Bradford City, who have not won an away match this season. With long leads all four top clubs retained their positions, and in fact Liverpool in League I and Tottenham in League II suffered little, because other nearest rivals gained small successes.

Manchester United, immediately by Liverpool, lost at home to Derby County who have struck their best form, while Wolverhampton Wanderers, Arsenal and Burnley all drew.

In League II, the 10 clubs following Tottenham all drew. They were Sheffield Wednesday, United, Southampton, Sheffield United and Burnley, and all retained their places, although Preston North End and Chesterfield drew level with Burnley at 23 points each. Nuneaton Borough, of the Birmingham combination, drew level with Moseley, of the Chester County League, in a second round Football Association Cup replay and joined two other non-league clubs, Westwood and Yeovil in the third round on January 1.

## Received full value

The Sunderland spectators received full value for their money. Huddersfield and Doncaster Rovers were up in ten minutes, but in

## Kashmir check posts on border with Sinkiang

Srinagar, Kashmir.

December 18.

The Government of Kashmir has opened two check posts on its North East border to prevent infiltration of suspected elements from Communist-occupied Sinkiang, official sources said yesterday.

More than 500 refugees, including 40 White Russians, entered Kashmir from Sinkiang during the past six months, the sources said, adding that registration of other Central Asians in Kashmir, who have entered without passports, had begun.

Two Nationalist officials of Chinese Turkistan, who escaped from Communist custody and arrived in India, are being held on the Kashmir border, according to Chinese Turkistan sources here.

The two are Mohamed Aminogor Edred Development Minister, and Yusuf Beg, Deputy Governor, whose families were reported to have been left behind.

The two officials were described by Chinese Turkistan sources as old colleagues of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. Associated Press.

## CAPETOWN TALKS ON INDIAN ISSUE

Pretoria, December 18.

The Government of India, Pakistan and the Union of South Africa are to hold preliminary talks in Capetown on February 1 to discuss the possible summing-up of a young-table conference on the Indian question in South Africa.

At the Department of External Affairs announced today, the discussion will include the question of what subjects should be considered by the full conference, it was added.

India, which then includes Pakistan, withdrew its high Commissioner and imposed trade sanctions on South Africa in 1946 as a protest against the enactment by the South Government of the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act.—Reuters.

## DUTCH NEWSMEN'S DECISION

Amsterdam, December 17.

The Dutch Federation of Journalists unanimously decided to withdraw from the International Organisation of Journalists.

The Federation took the decision because it was of the opinion that the I.O.J. was being misused for political propaganda purposes.—Reuters.

## ELECTION RIOTS

Tehran, December 17.

Scores of voters were injured in club and knife fights during balloting for the city council in Amol, in Mazandaran province, the newspaper "Ettefak" reported today.

The paper said that while voting was in progress, tribesmen with clubs and knives forcibly removed the ballot boxes and attacked the voters. Police and troops inflicted serious injuries while dispersing the rioters.—United Press.

## Home football league tables

## FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Liverpool	21	9	1	7	27
Wolves	21	9	0	8	27
Manchester Utd	21	8	1	8	25
Sheff Wed	21	8	1	8	25
Arsenal	22	10	0	6	30
Burnley	22	10	0	6	30
Porthsmouth	21	9	7	5	24
Derby County	20	10	2	7	24
Sheff Wed	21	8	1	7	23
Chelsea	21	8	0	7	26
Noton Villa	21	8	1	7	26
Newcastle	20	7	2	11	20
Sheff Wed	21	7	0	8	20
Blackpool	21	7	4	10	20
Sheff Wed	22	5	9	12	15
Charlton	22	7	3	12	22
Blackpool	22	6	7	10	20
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A Special General Meeting of Guild Members will be held at the office, Union Building, 21 Pedder Street, at 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 19th, 1949, when a resolution will be submitted approving of the two Revised Rules circulated to members recently.

**GEORGE T. LLOYD,** General Secretary.

Hongkong, Dec. 17, 1949.

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# Christmas Concert proves successful

There was a record attendance at the Hong Kong Light Orchestra Grand Christmas Concert at the Hong Kong Hotel last night at which the Governor was present. Every seat in the concert hall was taken up and programmes were sold out long before the first item of the evening began.

Conducted by Victor Ardy and led by Stanley King, the Light Orchestra played a number of selections and Christmas medleys.

The Orchestra also formed the background to a group of some

100 children choristers presenting the feature of the evening's programme of Christmas music. In its performance of selections and orchestral pieces, the Light Orchestra, was perhaps in its best form. The predominance of the brass in its music however, tended to minimise the effect of the choir voices, muffling out the carols sometimes, by its over-punctuated heaviness of expression. So much so that during the carols one was left to wonder which constituted the background, the choir or the orchestra.

The presentation of the carol choir was simple and effective, with sufficient drama and solemnity. Two groups of children, marching out in slow procession, bearing lanterns and assembled before the orchestra dais where they sang their carols.

Two other spotlights of the evening were the number by the Lin family (including Richard's excellent songs) and Bert Gillett at the Hammond Organ.

## Jap labour agitation spreading

Tokyo, December 18.

More than 100 vessels were tied up in ports throughout Japan and hunger strikes were reported to be spreading in labour's drive to get the Government to pay year-end bonuses.

Management was angry and offered stiff resistance. The Government was awaiting orders from General MacArthur's headquarters on what to do.

The Japan Seamen's Union headquarters ordered a nationwide strike on Friday night to back up the seamen's demands for year-end "rice cake" allowances with 12,400 yen as bonus. The strike order specified double barred tactics, refusing all overtime and preventing ships' sailings.

A Government spokesman said the difficult question had been referred to the economic officials of General MacArthur's headquarters and a reply was expected over the week-end. The spokesman anticipated that headquarters would recommend bonuses with a mere 2,800 yen base.

Press reports today said a total of 137 vessels were tied up in seven leading Japanese ports including the Tokyo-Yokohama area and Osaka. The largest number, 47 vessels, were tied up at Osaka.

A Kyodo News Agency report said the year-end hunger strikes among utilities and Government workers appeared to be spreading rapidly. A total of 128 members of the State Railway Workers Union, said the agency, were on hunger strike late yesterday protesting the Yoshida Government's programme for year-end payments. The Railway Union headquarters at the same time issued a statement urging Premier Yoshida to "reflect."

### Brass bands

The fasting strikers were huddled in small groups in various parts of Japan, some of them for "indefinite" periods while comrades surrounding them urged them to carry on. In some cases union brass bands

egged on the strikers. Five executive officers of the National Communications Workers Union sat down to a hunger strike yesterday afternoon near Shitaya Post Office, Tokyo, and were continuing the campaign today. Later they were joined by two representatives from the Government Printing Board.

At another site, the busy downtown intersection of Sukhbaishi, six men from the Japan Teachers' Union were conducting another hunger strike.

The Fukushima Local of the Government railway workers, Northern Honshu, announced a second round of hunger strikes and Kyodo reported 43 National Railway employees were on a hunger strike in the Tokyo area alone.

Five Diet Committees, including the Labour and Transportation Committees, will hold a joint session to discuss ways and means to bring an early end to the dispute.

The Shipowners' Association for the Kobe-Osaka area issued a statement last night assailing the unionists' "ungrateful and inconsiderate" attitude and asserting they were prepared to "fight the emergency."—United Press.

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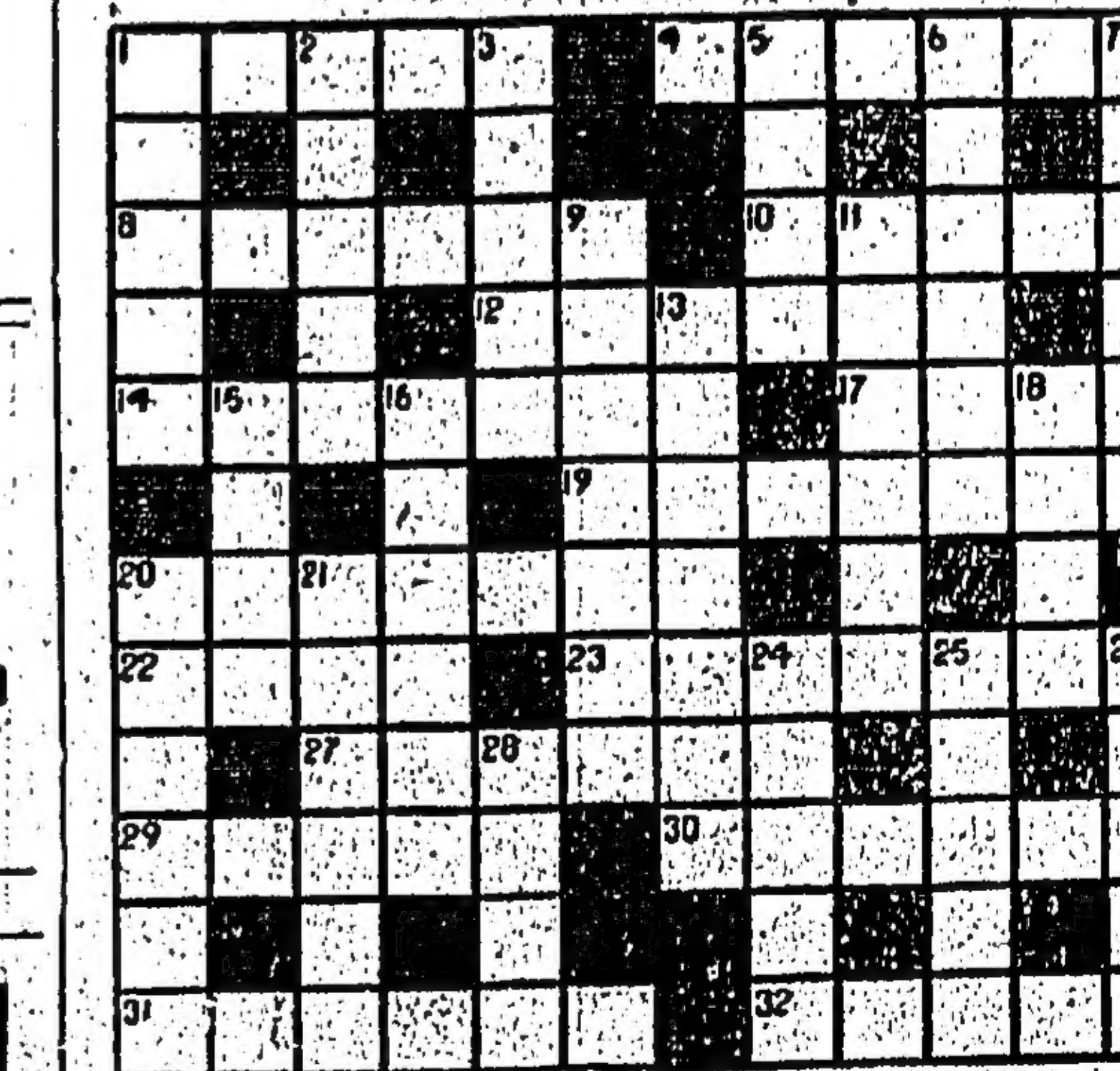
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2. 5 S	Pass	3 S	Pass
3. 2 H	3 D	Pass	Pass
4 H			

The first sequence shows the way the bidding should have gone, with a sound man in the South. But did it go that way? Not by a jugful. —It went as in the second sequence.

How much soundness is there in the idea held by some players that a bid of "one more than necessary" in another suit "guarantees a fit with your partner's suit?"

## A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- Across**
- 1 Distressed.
  - 2 Employed.
  - 3 Pure.
  - 4 Eating away.
  - 5 Thin award.
  - 6 Printer's proof corrector.
  - 7 In child.
  - 8 Support for table.
  - 9 Grant.
  - 10 Ward off.
  - 11 Exhaust.
  - 12 Commander-in-chief.
  - 13 Coquette.
  - 14 Hang down.
  - 15 Start again.
  - 16 Occurrence.
- Down**
- 1 Unmistakable.
  - 2 Jollification.
  - 3 Twine.
  - 4 Head.
  - 5 Hidden.
  - 6 Merited.
  - 7 Expanded.
  - 8 Holy.
  - 9 Venerated.
  - 10 Regret.
  - 11 Join up.
  - 12 Head of chapter.
  - 13 Duncie.
  - 14 Danger.
  - 15 Chimney.
  - 16 Welcome.
  - 17 Basis of a bomb.

**Saturday's Crossword**

ACROSS: 2 Absconds, 3 Arid, 4 Sapphire, 5 Aperture, 6 Post, 7 Decade, 8 Treasure, 9 Leap, 10 Selected, 11 Corridor, 12 Delights, 13 Date, 14 Rime.

DOWN: 1 Beau, 2 Cope, 3 Noise, 4 Scold, 5 Start, 6 Prate, 7 Piece, 8 Surge, 9 Armed, 10 Engage, 11 Lucid, 12 April, 13 Sing, 14 Loat, 15 Trap, 16 Dolt.

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# SOEKARNO PLEDGE TO INDONESIAN PEOPLE

Jogjakarta, December 17.

Dr. Soekarno was today formally installed as first President of the United States of Indonesia at a ceremony held in the Darbar Hall of the Palace of the Sultan of Jogjakarta. Before the swearing in ceremony, the gathering stood up to observe a two minutes' silence for fallen heroes of the Indonesian national revolution.

Prayers from the Koran were read before the Chief Justice of the Indonesian Supreme Court, Dr. Kusumartadja, administered the oath of office.

The Koran was held above Dr. Soekarno's head by a priest as he repeated the oath and pledged himself to "work for the glory and welfare of the Indonesian people."

India was represented at the inaugural ceremony by the Consul Mr. P. R. S. Mani.

Chinese and Papal representatives and military observers of the United Nations Commission to Indonesia were among the distinguished audience.

Dr. Soekarno, wearing a suit of immaculate white gabardine with the Presidential insignia of golden epaulettes, walked with firm steps through the audience of 3,000 inside the Hall.

The original white flag used to proclaim the birth of the Republic in 1945 had earlier been brought to the Hall by a detachment of Republican soldiers.

### Servant of the people

In a 45-minute address after the ceremony, Dr. Soekarno said, "I have been the servant of the Indonesian people for 25 years. I have God's grace and with your cooperation I will endeavour to give worthy of the choice you have placed on my shoulders."

Urging the people to think and act "dynamically," the President said, "Ever forward should be our slogan. Our aim should be to make Indonesia strategically, politically, and economically, a great State which will take its place among the nations of the world."

"Those who do not march forward with us will be swept away by the wave of progress. The fact that we are still hot after battle and that our wounds are still fresh should act as a spur to our further progress."

"In spite of our scars it is still our duty to protect our minority groups."

Dr. Soekarno appealed to the nations of the world to come forward and accept the extended hand of friendship of the new Indonesian State. "Our task is to ameliorate the sufferings of our people, and to raise their status in life," he added.

### Appeal for unity

He appealed to the people throughout Indonesia to unite, since without unity the national revolution could not be completed.

After saluting the red and white proclamation flag, hoisted in the grounds of the Palace, the new President inspected a parade of Republican troops.

His first Presidential act was to drive to the "field of honour," where men who fell in the Indonesian revolution of the past four years lie buried.

Dr. Soekarno will now choose a Prime Minister and two other

## Chorus girls picket the Empire

London, December 17. Chorus girls picketed the Empire Theatre in the heart of London's theatreland today because Actors' Equity had called out chorus girls there in a contract dispute. The girls and a few men from other shows had answered an Equity call for pickets from other theatres. The Actors' Equity has told its 47 members out of 54 chorus girls engaged to open in a show at the Empire on December 26 not to attend rehearsals because of a dispute over contracts. The Variety Artists' Federation, another theatrical union, has urged all members of the company to stay at work.—Reuter.

## BRITAIN U.S. "WAR BASE"

London, December 18. The British Communist Party in a policy statement tonight declared that Britain was to lose "very remaining vestige of national independence" and become an American war base "for which the British people will have to pay."

It said that this was the fate the "American warmongers, the British Government and the Tory Party" were preparing for Britain.

"It is time to call a halt to those madmen," the statement continued. "Unless they are stopped by the resistance of the people, they will plunge our country into unprecedented bloodshed and suffering."

"From their policy springs the colossal military expenditure, the menace to British shipping and industry of German competition based on starvation wages, the cuts in housing, school building and social services, the attack on wages and the bonds of East-West trade."

The statement made the following seven demands:  
1.—No rearmament of Western Germany.  
2.—Renounce the Atlantic Pact.  
3.—Withdraw all American troops and bombers from Britain.  
4.—Destroy all atom bombs and prohibit their manufacture.  
5.—End the wars in Malaya and Greece.  
6.—Cut military expenditure by a half, and  
7.—Conclude a five-power pact for peace.—Reuter.

## RECOMMENDED FOR XMAS

Prague, December 18. The official Prague radio today urged Czechoslovak mothers to buy their children Christmas books which "emphasise the class conflict."

The life stories of Lenin and Stalin were highly recommended.—Associated Press.

## ASIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE ENDS

London, December 18. The Asian Women's Conference, representing 500 million women, closed in Peking this evening after sending greetings to Generalissimo Stalin for his 70th birthday, according to a New China news agency report here.

The conference, also passed several resolutions addressed to the women of Asia and Western Europe. One resolution said that "only by the complete defeat of imperialism and its lackeys, the reactionary governments in Asia can the oppressed people and women in Asia have their rights."

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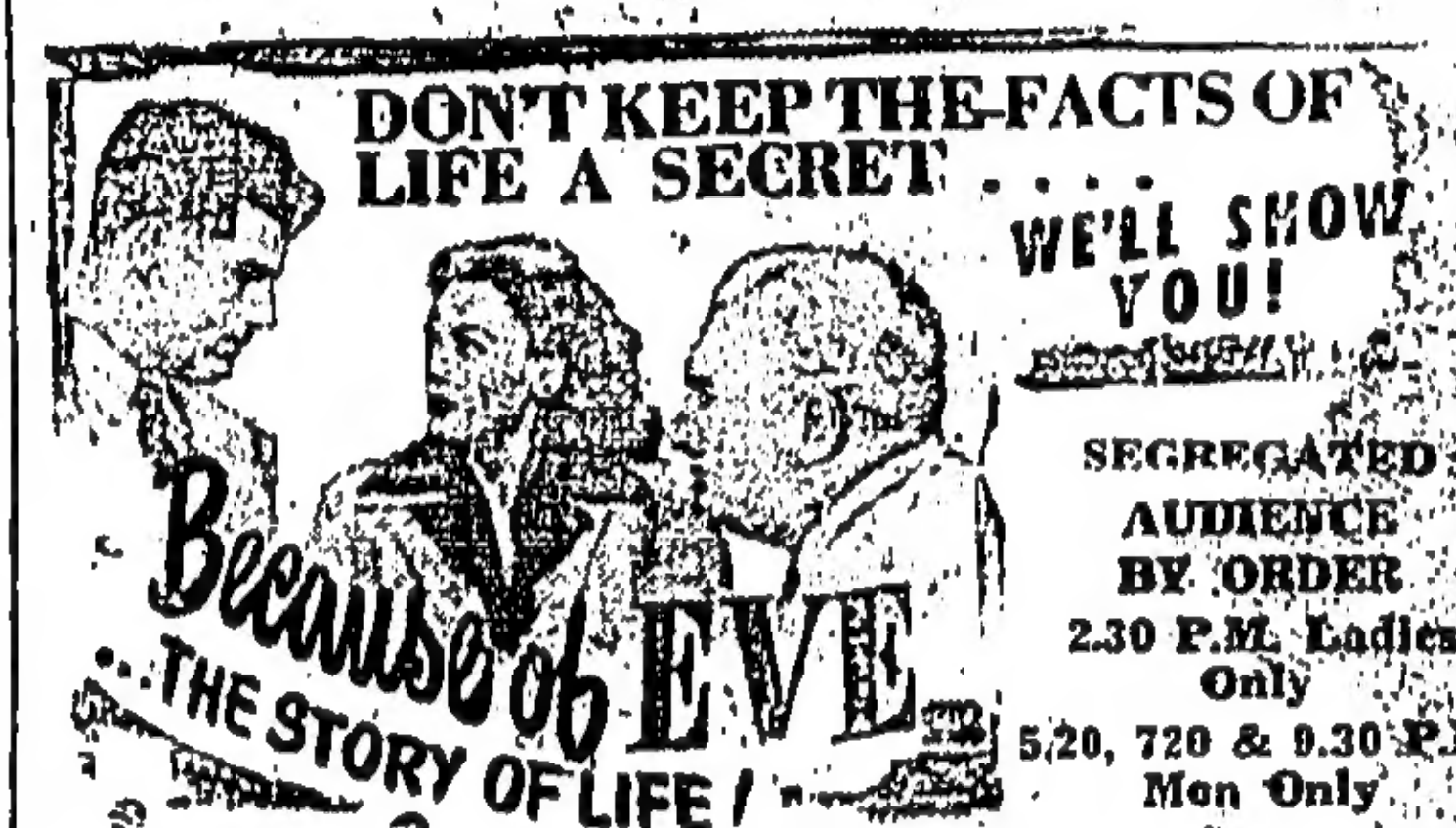
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# SHANGHAI DECLARED A "ZONE OF DANGER"

## U.S. warning to ships "to stay away"

### OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Washington, December 17.

The United States today officially proclaimed the approaches to Shanghai a "zone of danger," and warned all American shipping to "stay away from it."

Chinese Nationalist warships blockading the Communist-held port, have shelled two American merchant ships in recent weeks. The warning, announced by the State Department, presumably resulted from those incidents.

The State Department said that all American shipping companies and ship masters have received an official statement which said in part:

## MILLION REDS IN AMERICA

Washington, December 17.

A former FBI under-cover agent has testified that there are more than 1,000,000 Communist believers in the United States and their numbers are growing steadily.

That testimony, released today, was given to the Senate Judiciary sub-committee at a closed session last September 8 by John Huber of New York.

Huber said he worked in the Communist Party as an FBI informant from 1936-1947.

He said, "It is a misconception, which the party will not try to correct, but will rather try to have us believe, that the Communist Party is not as strong today as it was 10 years ago."

Huber named many prominent Americans as Communist front members or sympathizers; among those he mentioned were the negro baritone, Paul Robeson, the playwright, William Hollman, the comedian, Charlie Chaplin, the film actors, Edward G. Robinson and John Garfield, the singer, Ella Logan and the Hollywood producer Herman Shumlin.

Huber offered the story of his nine-year sojourn in the Communist Party in the House Un-American Activities Committee. But that body decided against taking his testimony. — United Press.

## CEREMONY IN INDO-CHINA

Saloon, December 17.

The French High Commissioner in Indo-China, M. Leon Pignatier, will hand over power to ex-Empire Bao Dai, chief of the new state of Vietnam, at a ceremony to be held before December 31, a usually reliable Vietnam source said today.

The committee appointed last March to study the application of the Franco-Vietnam agreement for an independent Vietnam with-in the French Union is reported to be completing the last points of a hand-over agreement to be signed next week.

On the security side, Vietnam will take over the French-organized police force, but France is reported to be retaining control of national security in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia and will continue to assure the security of her own troops in Indo-China.

Bao Dai, the Vietnamese source said, has postponed a planned visit to France to take part in the hand-over ceremony. — Reuters.

## NEW UNIVERSITY FOR CHINA

San Francisco, December 17.

The Chinese Communist Cabinet has decided to establish a "People's University of China" which will employ Soviet professors to train experts needed for the reconstruction of China, the Peking Radio reported today. — United Press.

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## Xmas truce ordered by Vietminh

Hanoi, December 17. The Vietminh autonomist insurgents' radio today broadcast an order by the Vietminh Generalissimo, Vo Nguyen Giap, telling his troops to observe a cease fire with defence ready on Christmas day to "permit French and Vietnamese Catholic soldiers to rejoice."

The "truce" was fixed from noon on Christmas eve to noon on Christmas Day.

It added that no similar proposals had been made by the French High Command. — Reuters.

## ARRESTS MADE IN NIGERIA

Enugu, December 17.

The police today made several arrests, following fresh disorders yesterday near Calabar in Eastern Nigeria. It was officially stated here.

The disorders occurred at Ekperi, a village near Calabar, it was officially disclosed.

Earlier, usually reliable but unofficial reports reaching Enugu said that trouble had broken out at Ikang, a town on the border of East Nigeria and the British Cameroons, a United Nations trust territory.

The official statement today said that stalls in Ekperi market used by Ibo tribesmen, were destroyed and some Ibo houses damaged, one being burned. The owner of one of these houses was killed by a Dane gun—an old-fashioned flint gun.

An official statement added that between December 10 and 12, several isolated attacks were made on Ibo residents at Calabar as reprisals for recent looting. "The police have the matter in hand and for the present, normal conditions prevail," it was added. The police are still investigating yesterday's incidents at Ekperi. — Reuters.

## MAO'S PRESENTS TO STALIN

Taipei, December 17.

The Press in this Chinese Nationalist capital said tonight that Mao Tse-tung took 18 cartloads of gifts to Premier Joseph Stalin and other Soviet leaders on his current visit to Moscow.

The newspaper stories, attributed to Hong Kong sources, said the presents included rare historical and art objects which the Communists had "looted" from the Peking Palace museum. — Associated Press.

London, December 17.

The death of Mr. Gabriel Kirshon Contadi, Norwegian Consul-General in London, was announced today. He was 69. — Reuters.

## BURMESE MOVE NO SURPRISE TO LONDON

London, December 17.

Burma's recognition of the Peking Government had been anticipated in official circles here. It is generally believed that India will follow as the first Commonwealth member to recognise Communist China.

It was noted that the Burmese Foreign Minister, U. E. Maung, arrived in New Delhi on Saturday for consultations with the Indian Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru.

After recent discussions with the Indian Ambassador to China, Mr. Nehru expressed the view that recognition of Mao Tse-tung's regime could not be much longer delayed.

Official word of the Burmese recognition was relayed to the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, by Sir Reginald James Bowker, British Ambassador in Rangoon.

Burma's recognition of the Peking Communist government coincides with reports of Chinese Communist forces infiltrating into Northern Burma among the Kachin Hills. Reports said that the Chinese Communists were "warmly welcomed" in the neighbourhood of Bhamo, near the border of Yunnan province which recently defected to the Chinese Communists.

Meanwhile, Burma continues to be the scene of internal wars. Prime Minister Thakin Nu's Government is fighting two separate groups of red and white flag Communists.

**Activity reduced**  
The Karen tribes are fighting for separate autonomy, while the radical People's Volunteer Organisation which recently praised the Chinese Communist victory, is opposing the existing Government of Burma.

In recent weeks, the Communist elements have been relatively inactive. Responsible estimates put their strength at about 100,000.

They are headed by Marxist leaders, such as an Indian named Goshal who has contacts with both the Chinese and Indian Communist parties. It is believed that these factions have been reducing their activities for the anticipated arrival of the Chinese Communist forces in Burma.

**Even fight**  
Thakin Nu's Government is reported to be just holding its own militarily, although administration, economy and finance are increasingly breaking down under the strain. The armed forces of the Government remain loyal to Thakin Nu against the White band of Communists and the rebellious members of the People's Volunteer Organisation.

Burma became an independent republic on January 4, 1948. In the following May, Thakin Nu was reported to have declared his intention to lead Burma into the Communist camp. A few days later, U Tin Tut, who was then Foreign Minister, stated the report was incorrect. Immediately afterwards, U Tin Tut

was assassinated because of his alleged associations with the West. The cry "Burmese Independence" was raised, and all connected with it in Burma, and various, resalient groups have since broken away from the Government to veer more to the extreme left which voiced support of Mao Tse-tung's regime in China. — United Press.

## Colombo talks on Jap treaty

Tokyo, December 17.

The conference of British Commonwealth Foreign Ministers in Colombo early in January is expected here largely to determine whether anything will come of the present efforts to negotiate a treaty with Japan.

The conference must examine and consider a draft of American minimum requirements, believed to be under consideration by the State Department at Washington. The British Commonwealth will report back to Washington its views on these requirements and perhaps suggest amendments.

If there seems a large measure of agreement on matters of substance the United States may go ahead with calling a peace conference, possibly through the Far Eastern Commission.

Though well-informed observers believe that many thorny problems and months of tortuous negotiation may lie ahead, optimism is sweeping Japan that she may soon regain her independence as the result of a peace treaty. — Reuters.

## ETHIOPIAN SEES MR. BEVIN

London, December 17.

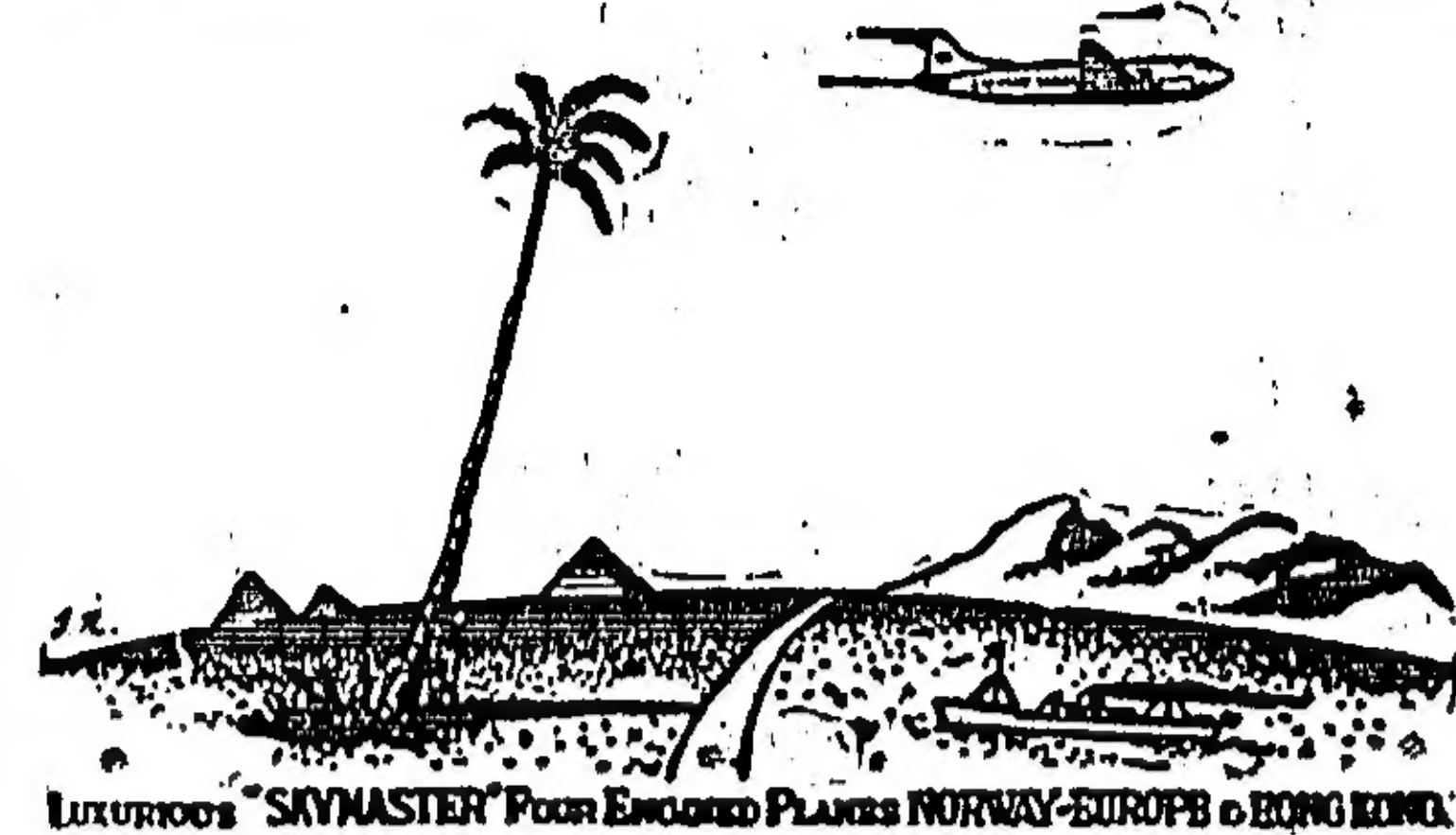
The Ethiopian Foreign Minister, Atu Akiliou, conferred with the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, today on the Eritrean question.

Akiliou is returning to Addis Ababa from New York, where he attended the UN Assembly. The British Government has not yet replied to the Italian note delivered a week ago concerning the anti-Italian activities of bandits in Eritrea. — United Press.

Karachi, December 17.

Premier Liaquat Ali Khan informed newspapermen tonight that he is accepting President Harry Truman's invitation to visit the United States next May. He declined to say whether his U.S. visit will precede or follow a State visit to Moscow. — Associated Press.

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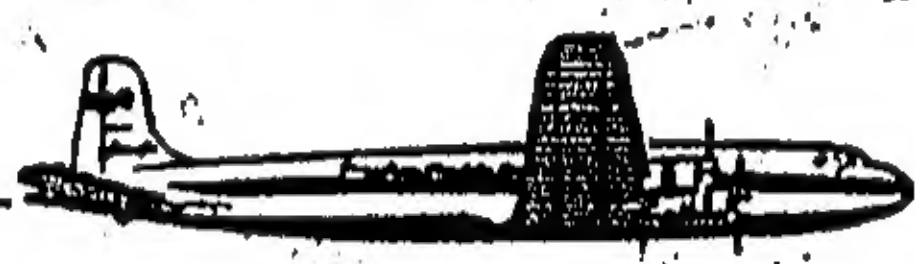
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## European nations in new economic union

Brussels, December 18.

### Van Mook's plan for SE Asia

San Francisco, December 18.  
Dr. Hubertus J. van Mook yesterday proposed an association of Western democracies to help South East Asia.

Speaking before the Commonwealth Club here, the former Acting Governor-General of the Netherlands East Indies put forward a plan for the United States, Great Britain, the Netherlands and France to form a working force to help such countries as Siam, Ceylon, Burma, Indonesia and Indo-China.

He proposed that the Western countries work with the United Nations in building the Asian countries.

#### Joint plan

First thing on the programme, he said, would be a joint plan to replace what he called the erratic, piecemeal policies the individual nations now follow when, he said, the Western countries should pool technicalities, knowledge and resources.

Efforts should be aimed to appeal to the masses by raising living standards, the speaker said.

Dr. van Mook said he believed that voluntary efforts of democratic businessmen with ideas might build up South East Asia's vast economic resources and attract the people to democracy.

### World pacifist conference

Calcutta, December 17.  
The world pacifists' conference, which had earlier this month met at Santaluketan, will resume its session at Sewagram, Mahatma Gandhi's Social Service Centre in Central India, from December 25.

Foreign delegates at present touring centres of constructive work and historical interest in India are expected at Sewagram on December 24.

The Sewagram session, which will last a week, will be inaugurated by Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of the Indian Constituent Assembly.

The Indian Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, is also expected to attend this session.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, said here today that France, Italy and the three Benelux countries are on the eve of agreement marking the first stage towards economic union. The agreement is perhaps already signed, he told a Press conference.

M. Schuman said that this first stage would open up the way for others. He said that the French Parliament is still hesitant on the question of a Franco-Italian economic union.

"The more we can broaden the field of experience the more its success will seem to be assured," he said.

Mr. Schuman said that the new economic union will be known as "Friedland" as this "does not sound too horrible as the proposed name of Fritalun," he added.

Building the new union needs courage and imagination, he said, adding, "I hope we will have them. We have our Belgian friends to encourage us."

M. Schuman said that at least in the first stage, Fiedland will not have a joint colonial policy. Those of its members which had colonies were, of course, equally concerned with the problem of markets for the production of their overseas territories, he added.

#### German rearmament

Answering questions on the re-arming of Germany, M. Schuman said that France is opposed to it.

"Who brings up this problem which is not topical?" he asked, adding, "Germany herself does not want re-armament, why then should one give her the taste for it?"

For the time being, M. Schuman went on, the problem is to put in a state of defence all the countries which offer an absolute guarantee of being democratic and peace-loving nations. This, of course, does not mean that the events must not be closely watched. For instance, one could not tolerate that Eastern Germany would be re-armed without Western German doing so too.

The re-armament of Western Germany could be a pretext for Russia to modify her present conciliatory policy, M. Schuman also said.

He warned against giving the German youth some of the old tastes.

"A uniform can play a big part in restoring these tastes, even if it were a European uniform," he said—Reuter.

### Lindbergh's warning to scientists

Washington, December 17.  
Charles A. Lindbergh today warned scientists and his fellow aviators that their machines are turning them into robots and threatening man's chance of survival.

Accepting the Wright Brothers Memorial Trophy on the 46th anniversary of the first powered flight, Colonel Lindbergh noted the modern preoccupation with such things as super-sonic speed and moon rockets. He agreed that inter-planetary voyages will probably come to pass, but pointed out that although great factories and great destructive power are essential to survival in these chaotic years, they do not in themselves contribute to the quality of human life.—United Press.

### Kostov letter a fake

London, December 17.

A Foreign Office spokesman said today: "The general public might be pardoned for regarding as a fake" the "confession" letter of the former Bulgarian deputy premier, Traicho Kostov, published after his execution yesterday.

The letter ran counter to Kostov's sensational and unexpected plea of not guilty after an earlier confession at his recent trial.

The spokesman said: "Had Kostov wished, he could have affirmed his original at the trial."

Kostov was executed in Sofia yesterday for "treasonable and wrecking activities" against the Bulgarian state. A reaffirmation of his confession was published simultaneously with the announcement that his death sentence had been carried out, in the form of a letter to the President of the Grand National Assembly of Bulgaria, making a last minute appeal for clemency.

The Foreign Office spokesman said this morning that this document was the second to be produced from a dead man with the object of incriminating Kostov. The first was a letter from the late premier George Dimitroff.—Reuter.

### AUSTRALIANS WANT MONTY

Sydney, December 17.  
A group within the Liberal Party is seeking information about whether Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery would be available for a post in the Australian Government, according to the Sydney "Sunday Herald"—United Press.



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## BLOCKADE HAS KILLED SHANGHAI WATERFRONT

Pusan, Korea, December 11.

The Nationalist blockade of Sino-Communist ports—mostly Shanghai—has many inexplicable looks but it is still keeping tonnage to a trifling minimum.

Shanghai's waterfront, once among the three or four busiest dock areas on earth, is so dead that when an occasional ship sneaks in it's big news.

Can you imagine half of San Francisco or New York celebrating because one ship got in?

Before I was granted permission to leave Shanghai, I was called to the Central Police Station and questioned for two hours by an official of the Party police. The questions ranged from "How did the Associated Press cover China's civil war?" to "What is your opinion of the Communist management of Shanghai?"

At one point I told my questioner that I thought the Communist high officials were unwise in refusing to see foreign news correspondents because I felt there were many important questions that needed to be answered in the interest of all parties.

In a flash the Communist official snapped—"What questions?"

"Well, you take the blockade for instance. The Communists say they think the Western powers should break the blockade since they do not recognise the legality of it. Yet you yourselves forbid foreign warships from escorting and protecting foreign merchant ships through Chinese territorial waters and that's where the blockade is. You are not able to protect these ships yourself yet you want us to waive your order so that others can protect them. Why is that?"

#### Much controversy

He looked at me several seconds, then replied: "I think that is a very good question."

"Will you arrange for me to see Chen Yi (Military Mayor of Shanghai) so that I may ask it of him?"

"I am sorry," he replied, "but I am a very small official. I cannot do it. But it is a good question."

There is much controversy over the blockade in Shanghai. Some blame it for the stagnation.

tion of the city, the tremendous unemployment, the general distress and high prices.

Others say that the blockade is the best propaganda weapon the Communists have because they can blame all their troubles on it.

These people say that if the blockade was lifted the harbour would be cleaned out of exports in two weeks, and imports would stop because the Reds lack foreign exchange to pay for them.

#### Guerrilla war

The truth is probably somewhere in the middle—the blockade is part of the cause but by no means all of it.

In some views the blockade is a senseless thing. It is not going to turn the tide of the civil war in the Nationalists' favour; yet it undoubtedly is causing much suffering, not only to the Communists, but to millions of non-political Chinese.

As it stands today, the blockade is a sort of guerrilla warfare.

The Communists practiced guerrilla warfare in the hinterland for years—they tore up railroads and roads, blocked all types of transportation. And that, too, caused untold suffering and hardship to the Chinese people.

It seems to me it's tit for tat. Both sides have played this game and the Chinese people have paid the costs and are still paying.—Associated Press.

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12.45—"From the Films".

1.00—"News, Weather Report and Announcements".

1.05—"Music For You".

2.00—"Close Down".

6.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

6.02—"Children's Half Hour"—Introduced by Jack Frost (Studio).

6.30—"Portuguese Half Hour" (Studio) Play by Charles Hutton. (BCTB)

7.00—"World News and News Analysis" (London Relay).

7.15—"Melodies from Spain" (Played by the London Promenade Orch. Recorded by the "Record"). Presented by Ronnie Gibbons. (Studio)

8.00—"From the Editorials" (London

A.M.

7.00—"Up With The Sun".

7.15—"Setting Up Exercises".

7.30—"Musical Clock".

7.45—"Cyma Time".

8.00—"New Weather Forecast".

8.15—"Christmas Calendar".

8.30—"Random Rhythms".

8.45—"Through The Looking Glass"—A Programme for Women.

9.15—"Morning Music".

9.30—"Concise & Keyboard".

10.00—"Music For All".

10.30—"Morning Melody".

11.00—"Airplane Melodies".

11.30—"Parade of Rhythms".

P.M.

12.00—"H.K. Stock Exchange".

12.15—"The Music of Christmas".

12.30—"Hand Call".

1.00—"Plans".

1.15—"New".

1.30—"Orchestral Concert".

2.00—"Afternoon Musicale"—Symphony No. 4 in E Minor (Brahms) The H.K. Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Bruno Walter—Concerto in E Minor (Mendelssohn) Fritz Kreisler and the London Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Sir London Bond.

4.00—"Slim Bryant and His Wildcats".

4.15—"Today's Choice"—Harry Brewer's Five Men of Rhythm.

4.30—"Happy Town".

4.45—"Music Makers"—Denny Goodman, Guy Lombardo Orchestra, Guy Lombardo's Corners—with Betty Hill.

5.00—"Harmony Hall".

5.15—"Radio Headlines"—Dick Haymes & Billy Butterfield Orch.

5.30—"Kingdom of Swing"—Lionel Hampton and His Orchestra.

6.15—"Song Of The Islands".

6.30—"The Jumpin' Jacks".

6.45—"Do You Remember?"—Musical Memories Through the Years.

7.00—"B.C. News".

7.15—"Candlelight and Silver Light Classical Music".

8.00—"Romantic Cycles".

8.15—"The Supercolor Programme"—Sammy Kaye's Orchestra with The Keyettes.

8.30—"The Daily Farm Programme"—Allen Roth's Symphony of Melody.

9.00—"B.C. News".

9.10—"Local News".

9.15—"South Americans".

9.30—"The King's Theatre Orchestra Programme"—Conducted by Eddie Elsas—From Rediffusion Studios.

10.00—"Story of the Carol" (2).

10.15—"Variety Handicap".

11.10—"B.C. Midland Light Orchestra".

11.15—"The Carol Singers".

12.00—"Close Down".

Relay

8.10—"Box 200"—Evelyn Gillette at the Hammond Organ.

8.25—"I Like What I Like"—Presented by John Dawn. (Studio)

8.35—"Double Identity"—A Mystery Play by Charles Hutton. (BCTB)

9.25—"Concerto"—Lalo's Symphony in E-flat Major, Op. 21. Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and Orchestre Symphonique de Paris conducted by Georges Enescu.

10.00—"Radio News Reel" (London Relay)

10.15—"Weather Report".

10.30—"Latin American Music Played by the Lecorona Cuban Boys".

10.45—"From the Ballet"—Chopin's "Les Sylphides". London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Malcolm Sargent.

10.55—"Music For Dancing".

11.15—"Weather Report, World and Home News from Britain. (Recorded)

11.30—"Close Down".

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## Canadians look forward to a good Christmas

Ottawa, December 18.

If glitter and variety of goods in the shops count for anything, this Christmas is going to be one of the best ever for Canadians.

Last Christmas was the biggest ever for Canadian retailers. By Christmas Day, nothing remotely resembling a gift was left on the shelves.

This year, retail sales have been running seven per cent higher than last year.

Stocks of both domestic and imported goods are higher than last year, and in some lines it is doubtful whether even high-spending Canadians will be able to exhaust supplies this year. Even the fact that most rents will go up about 20 per cent in January is not expected to dampen the buying spree.

Prices of most goods in the shops are about the same as last year. A feature of this is the failure of most British goods to come down in price as a result of devaluation. Such things as Meccano sets, Hornby trains, and high-quality textiles are of anything, slight-

ly more expensive than last year. The most popular Hornby train set, that retailed for \$11.75 last year, is \$12.50 (just over £3) this year.

The reason is that manufacturers believe that they can sell their entire stock without trouble, and are charging what they think the traffic will bear.

Most of the goods in the shops are, of course, Canadian-made. British goods come next, then American, and then goods from the European countries. German and Japanese toys are back. The Germans send clever clockwork cars, trains and other novelties, and the Japanese re-appearing with cheap and poorly-made toy cars, trains and dolls.

### Scotch whisky

German cameras are back on the market, and there is an abundance of gloves from France and Belgium, lingerie and leather goods from Italy, blouses from France and Switzerland, perfumes, wines and liquors from France.

British goods are most noticeable in the toy departments, textiles, China, electrical appliances and jewellery. Supplies of Scotch whisky are higher than at any time since before the war, and the same is true of rare whiskeys, gin, rum and domestic and imported wines.

A feature of this year's Christmas "rush" is the elaborate packaging of gifts, without charge to the purchaser. Thousands of miles of ribbon, linted and gay papers will be used by merchants in this resumption of another pre-war custom.

The only shortages here are in some lines of heavy electrical appliances, notably electric refrigerators. There is also a shortage of greeting cards, caused by a lengthy lithographers strike in Toronto. Reuter.

### CHURCHILLS TO VISIT MADEIRA

London, December 17. Mr. and Mrs. Winston Churchill will sail from England on December 20 for a stay of about two weeks in Madeira. Mr. and Mrs. Churchill and their party will be guests of the American papers "Time" and "Life" and the "New York Times".

The Central Office of the Conservative Party, of which Mr. Churchill is leader, said today that the visit is private, and that Mr. Churchill will make no public engagements in Madeira. Reuter.

### COW ON RAMPAGE

Berlin, December 18. A cow which broke loose from a Berlin railroad yard knocked down seven people, including two children, in a two-hour chase through the city.

The animal was caught when she settled down to graze in a public park. Reuter.



TOPPLING

### PARIS PROTEST

Paris, December 17. The police outnumbered two to one less than a 100 Communist-led demonstrators who marched this afternoon to the Hotel National, or Premier Georges Bidault's official residence, to protest against the war in Indo-China.

The demonstrators, including some soldiers on leave from Indo-China, were dispersed without incident. An official received a deputation. Reuter.

### ONE CURRENCY

Ostend, December 18. Common currency and nationality for Europe were recommended by the European Parliamentary Union here today.

The Union also urged a unified defence system, a federal army under a supreme command, national armaments production and a European military budget. Reuter.

## Russian attack on U.S. policy towards Japan

London, December 17.

The American militarists make no secret of their dream of turning the Japanese into cannon fodder for American "imperialism".

The Soviet daily "Izvestia" said so in an article quoted today by the Moscow radio.

The article, signed "Kudryavtsev," said:

"Under the guise of a police force, the Japanese army is being revived, and its strength is constantly growing. The police are supplied with arms, including machine-guns. Big military manoeuvres of police forces are now being held in a number of prefectures."

"Izvestia" said that such manoeuvres were held in the first half of November in the districts of Nagano, Fukuoka, Sago and Osaka.

"For the sake of their plans of gaining world domination, the American imperialists are dooming the Japanese people to political slavery and the economy of Japan to disaster," the paper says.

The paper said that the American occupation authorities "seek artificially to isolate Japan from the Asiatic continent, and to convert her into an American barrier at the Eastern coast of Asia."

### "Gambling policy"

The United States itself "prefers to use Japan for the sale of goods that find no customers in America," "Izvestia" alleged.

"The United States does not intend to open its markets to Japanese goods, but plans to use cheap Japanese exports as a sort of battering ram against the sterling bloc."

"As a result, the economic crisis now threatening the United States, as well as Anglo-American competition for Asiatic and Pacific markets, will tell first and foremost on the economy of Japan which is already undermined."

"Thus, in the economic field, the American imperialists are likewise trying to pursue their gambling policy in the Far East, at the expense of the Japanese people," "Izvestia" said.—United Press.

## Russian atom claim ridiculed

Washington, December 18. Russian claims to have perfected the synchrotron surprised scientists here today, because the synchrotron is no longer considered news in this country.

The radiation laboratory of the University of California has one which generates 300 million electron volts of energy, and it is building another atom smasher—the "proton synchrotron bevaatron"—which will generate 5000-7000 million electron volts.

The Russians, according to a despatch from Berlin, claim that their atom smasher is better than anybody else's, speeding electrons faster than the U. S. models can.

If the Russian electrons go much faster than those being propelled by the California synchrotron, they must travel faster than light, and science says nothing can do that.

The 300 million volt machine at Berkeley already has accelerated electrons to within one-tenth millionth of the speed of light. When the big bevaatron is completed in 1952-53, it is expected to create energy on an even more spectacular scale. All this was reported by the Atomic Energy Commission last July.—United Press.

### ECA ALLOTMENT

Washington, December 18. The Economic Co-operation Administration today allotted \$5,025,000 to Korea for petroleum products and raw cotton purchases in the United States, bringing Korean allotments to a total of \$71,218,000.—Associated Press.

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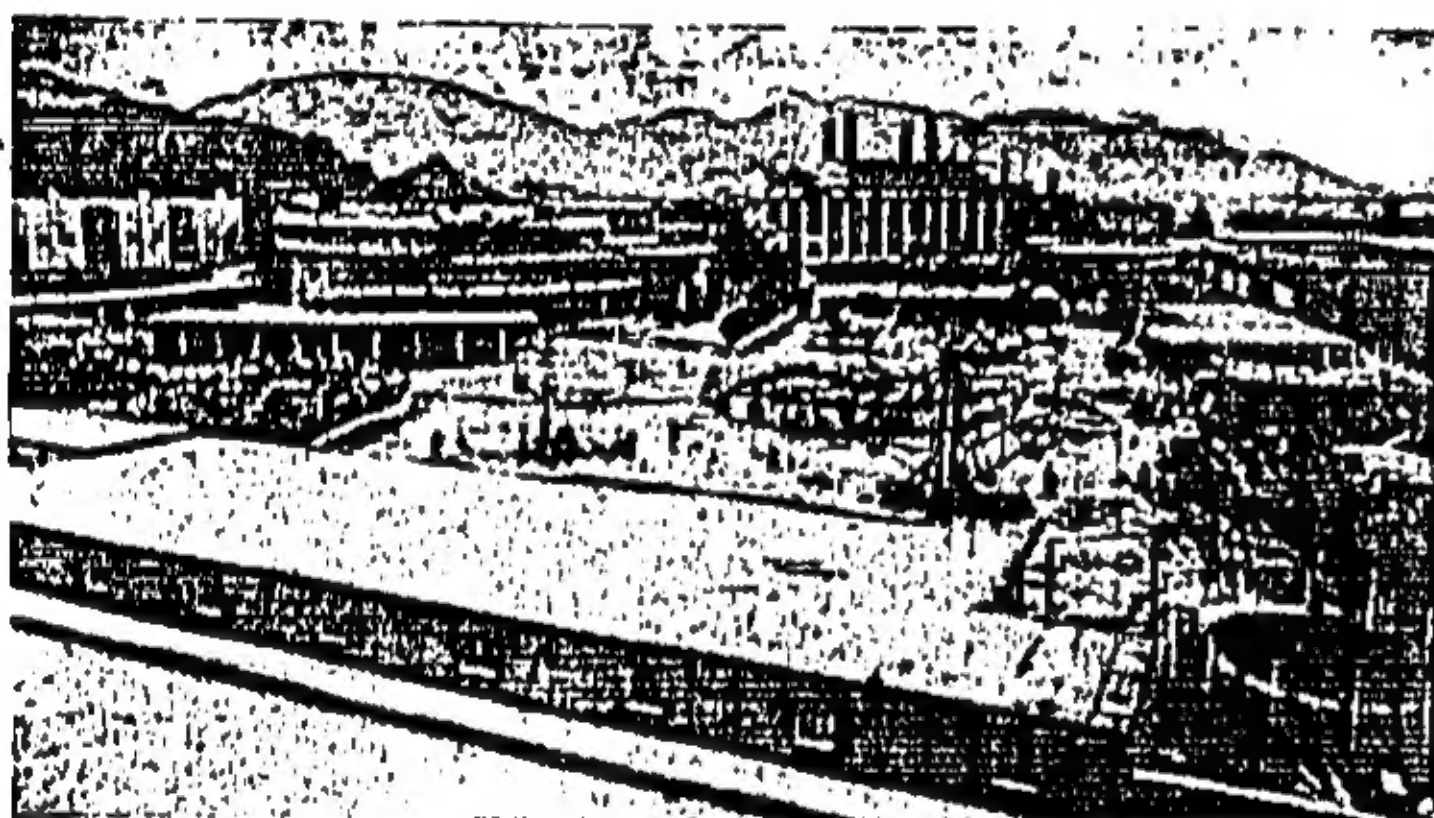
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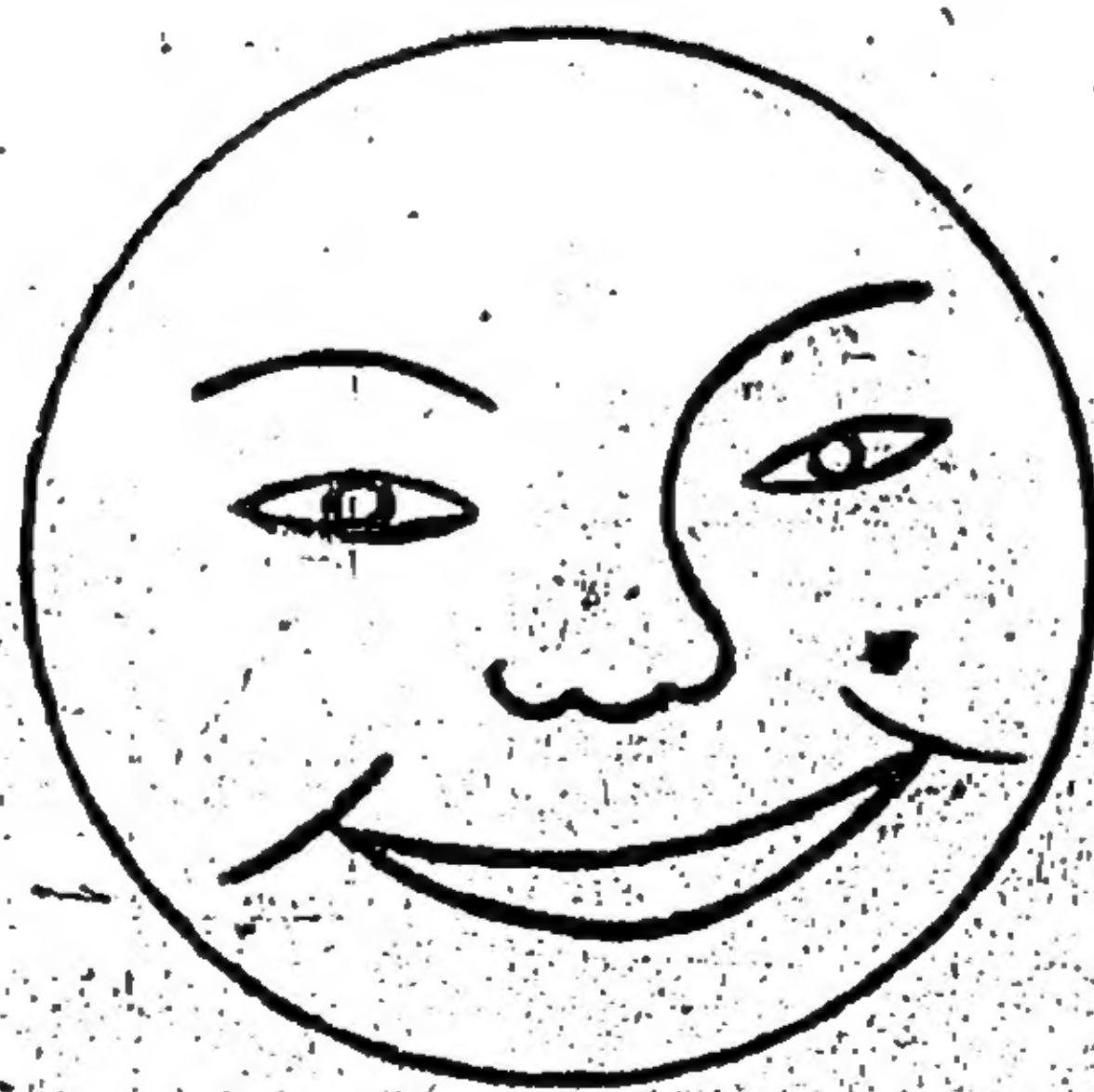
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# INFORMAL TALKS ON KASHMIR SUGGESTED

Lake Success, December 17.

The Security Council today asked its chairman, Mr. A. G. L. McNaughton of Canada, to arrange informal talks in the hope of a settlement of the India-Pakistan dispute over Kashmir. The vote was nine to nil, with Russia and the Ukraine abstaining.

The Council asked Mr. McNaughton to meet informally with delegates of the two countries and report back to the Council with any new proposal that might develop for solving the dispute over the future of Kashmir.

As the Council opened the debate on the deadlocked issue, the Czech delegate on the U.N. Commission for India and Pakistan submitted a minority report criticising alleged interference of Mr. Truman and Mr. Attlee with the Commission's work.

The Pakistani Foreign Minister, Mohammed Zafarullah Khan, and Sir Girma Bajpai, Secretary General of India's External Services Ministry, are expected to represent their countries in the new mediation talks with Mr. McNaughton.

Today's session on the two-year-old Kashmir dispute lasted less than an hour. The proposal that Mr. McNaughton tackle the problem in informal talks was made by Norway and strongly supported by Britain and France.

The Russian delegate, Seymour Tarnopolsky, had a procedural clash with the chairman over Mr. McNaughton's handling of the Norwegian proposal. At first Mr. McNaughton ruled that hearing no objections he would declare the proposal adopted without a show of hands. Mr. Tarnopolsky took the issue with this ruling saying that the proposal should not be acted on until the Indian and Pakistani representatives have been heard from.

Mr. McNaughton said the Indian and Pakistani representatives seated at the table evidently did not want to speak, but he agreed to put the Norwegian proposal to the vote and it was quickly adopted.

## Minority report

The majority report on the Kashmir dispute was released early this week and was signed by Argentina, Belgium, Colombia

and the United States—all members but Czechoslovakia.

It said the Commission had exhausted mediation avenues of its own and proposed the selection of a single person to mediate and arbitrate the Kashmir case. Speculation was immediately centred on Admiral Nimitz for the proposed post.

The minority Czech report released today made these main points:

1. That the Commission has made a serious mistake in cancelling the joint India-Pakistan conference fixed for New Delhi last August.

2. The Commission overstepped its terms of reference in proposing last summer that Admiral Nimitz be named to arbitrate the deadlocked issue.

3. The arbitration proposal was made known to the United States and Britain before being presented to the rival parties and that President Truman and Mr. Clement Attlee in synchronised action made use of it for public interventionary pressure.

4. The pro-Pakistan Azad forces whose disbanding India demands grew into a formidable force by the spring of 1949 in violation of the previous August resolution of the United Nations prohibiting both parties any increasing of their military potential.

5. While India made a clear reservation in regard to the administration of the Northern area, Pakistan made a clear great consequence mortgaging practically the political future of

the vast territories in the state of Jammu and Kashmir where the Pakistan army of forces under its high command would have gained the upper hand.

## Outside influences

6. The Commission, facing later the materially changed situation in the Northern area, is bound to admit that while the reservation of the Government of India may be legally valid, it is physically impossible to implement it.

7. The Commission was not free from outside influences. Interventions by President Truman and Mr. Attlee were made possible on the basis of precise and timely information emanating from the Commission itself.

8. The press publicity about the possibility of Admiral Nimitz as the arbitrator of the Kashmir dispute was unanimously considered by the Commission to constitute an interference with its work and prestige, though there is no doubt that Admiral Nimitz acted in good faith.

9. The UN Secretariat also obstructed the work of the Commission. It said it should be pointed out that the Secretariat interference coincides with the intervention of the Anglo-American intervention.

10. The Commission should be replaced by a Commission consisting of all 11 members of the Security Council. After the experience of the past it is quite clear that the new mediation organ must be really independent and untrammelled by any outside interference.—United Press.



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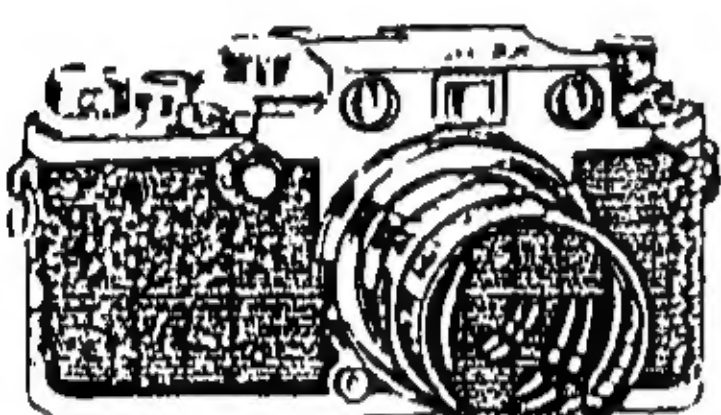
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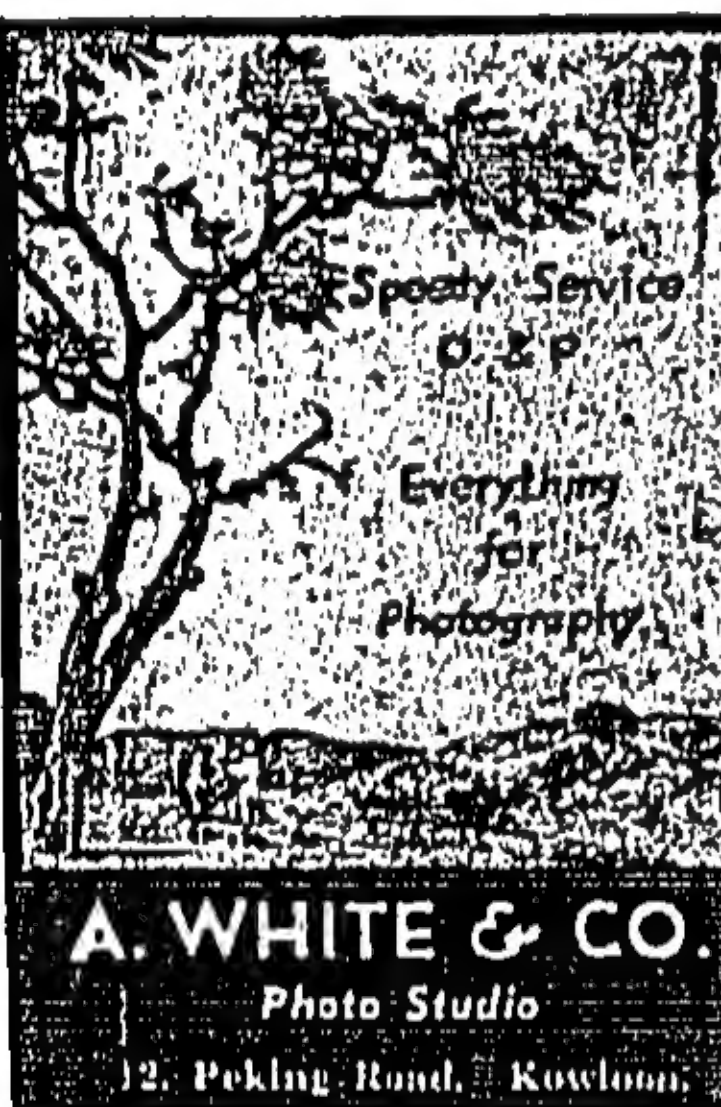
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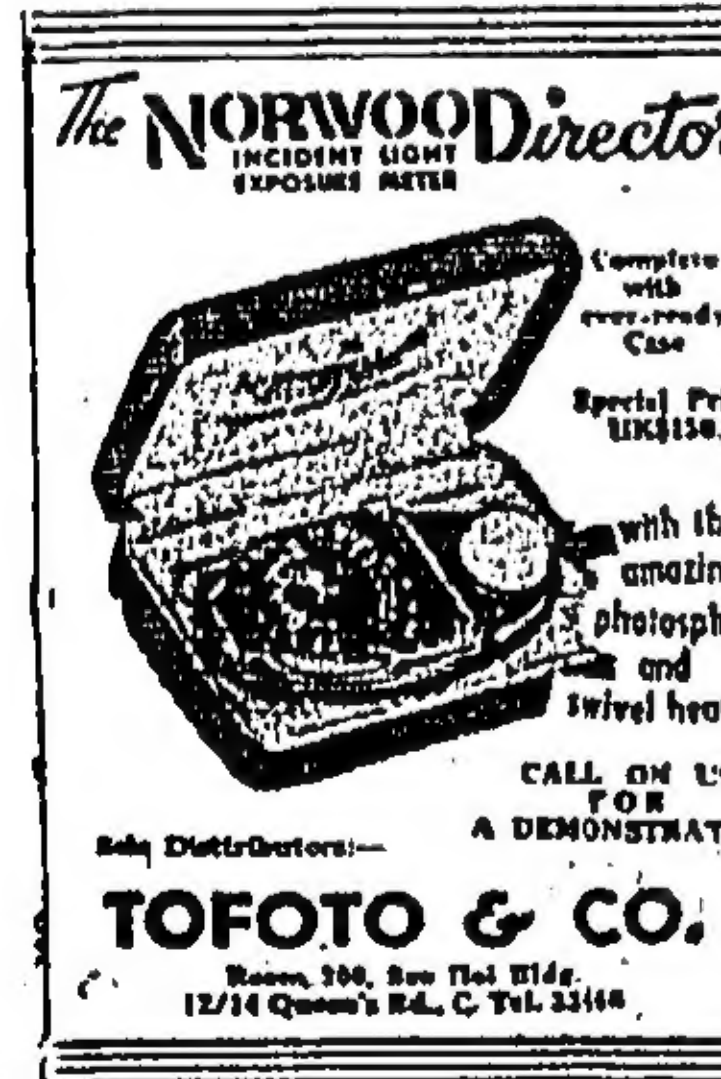
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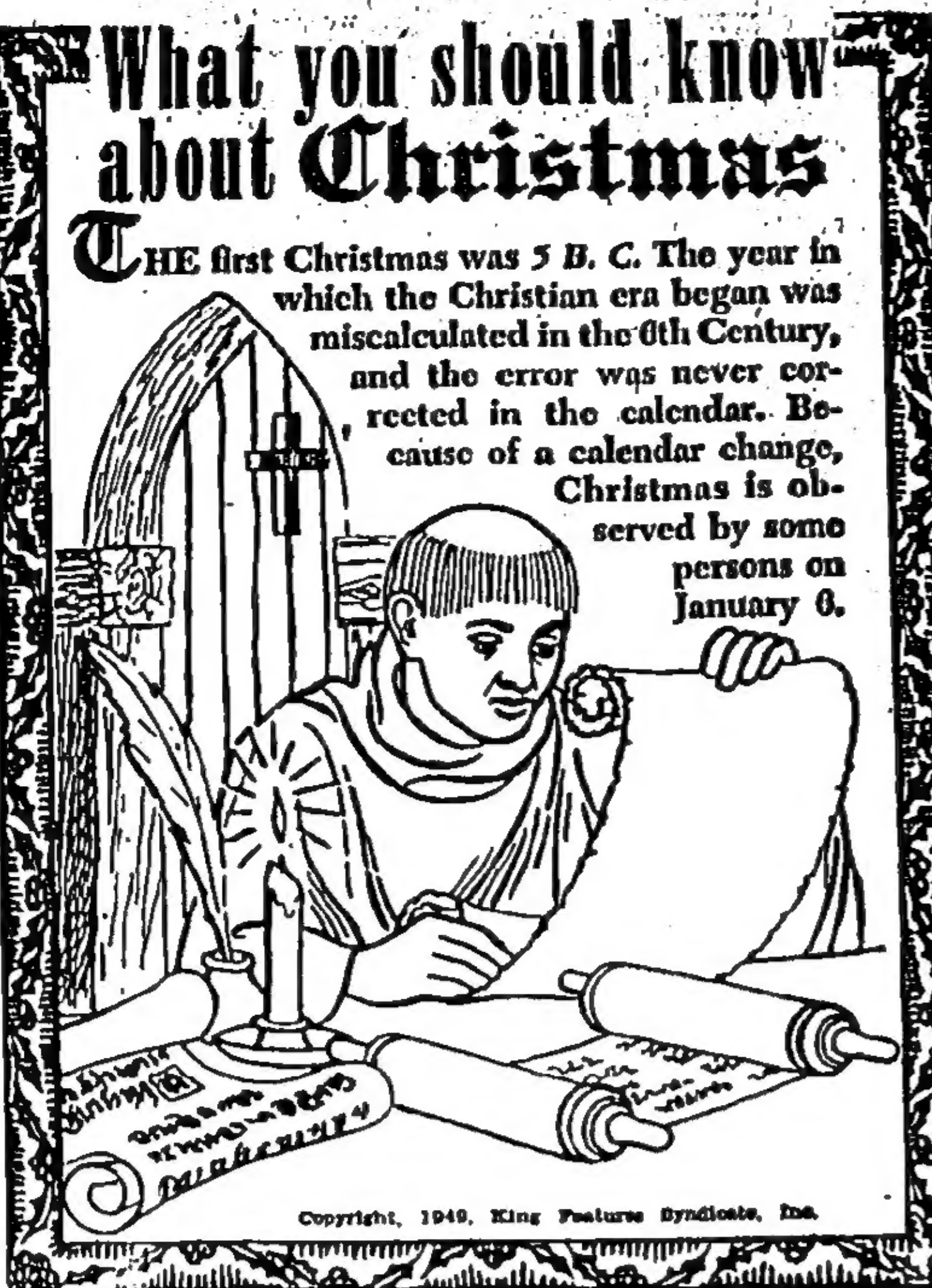
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## Anglo-Soviet trade talks deadlocked

London, December 17.

Anglo-Soviet talks for a new long-term trade pact are at a complete deadlock.

But trade exchanges between Britain and the Soviet Union nevertheless are going on on a substantial scale.

Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, said in a written reply in the House of Commons that no progress has been made to extend the Anglo-Soviet trade agreement of 1947.

Official returns of his Board, on the other hand, disclose that Britain's exports to the Soviet Union in the first nine months of 1949 have doubled over last year, although British purchases in Russia have been reduced to nearly a fourth of last year's.

Authoritative trade quarters said private trade deals are being conducted in a very friendly atmosphere apparently undisturbed by the growing political tension between East and West. Russia has again become one of Britain's leading timber suppliers.

The Soviets are short of Sterling, which they are spending on important raw materials in the form of goods such as rubber, tin and wool. From the United Kingdom they are buying machinery and electrical equipment, insofar

as these goods are not on the prohibited list.

## Purchases down

British exports of electrical machinery to Russia in the first 10 months this year were almost five times the value of last year's exports, amounting to nearly £4,000,000 or more than half Britain's total supplies to the Soviet Union in the period under review.

British purchases in Russia have been scaled down this year. From £21,000,000 in the first 10 months of 1948, the total for the same period this year was a little over £5,000,000. Timber is the largest single item, amounting to over £3,000,000 this year as compared to only £250,000 last year. Grain also is coming from the Soviet Union, although on a smaller scale than last year.

With imports from Russia reduced by a year, the increase of British exports in the same period stands out even more. Electrical generators had a leading part in recent British shipments to Russia, in addition to a small number of vehicles. The total value of machinery, including generators, supplied to Russia in the first 10 months is listed at £5,010,000.—United Press.

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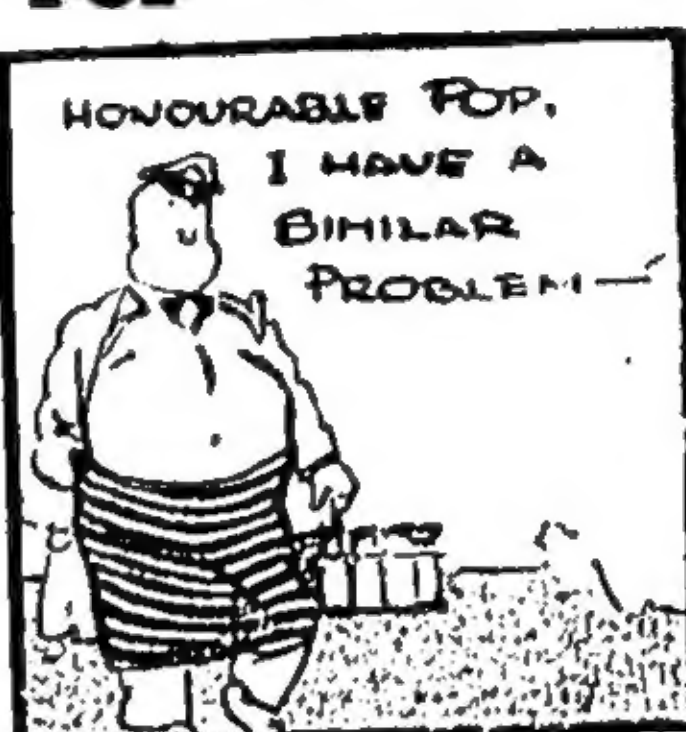


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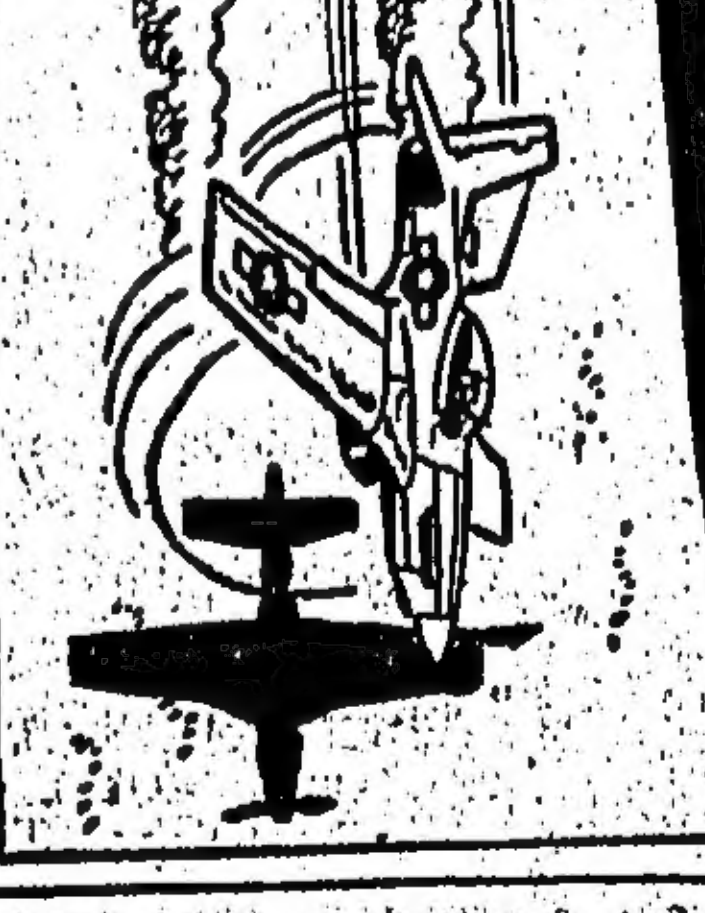
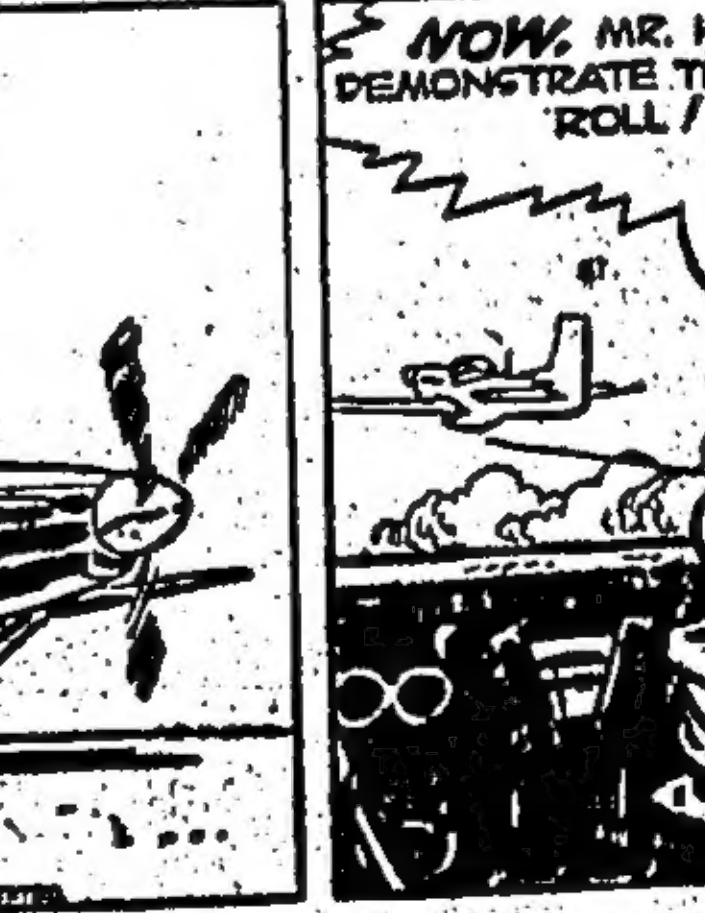
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# FINANCE AND COMMERCE

## BRITISH PROPOSALS FAIL AT STOCKHOLM

Stockholm, December 17.

Scandinavian-British financial talks ended here tonight without the acceptance of British proposals that Sterling should be used for payments between the Scandinavian countries and between them and the United Kingdom.

A joint communiqué said that the United Kingdom proposals were aimed in the first instance at the removal of restrictions on payments within the group.

This should be regarded as a step towards the attainment of a general system of multilateral trading and free convertibility of currencies.

The communiqué stated that any co-operative measures which may be agreed should not be exclusive but should provide for the accession of other countries and they should be full, consistent with the objectives and obligations of the Convention for European Economic Co-operation of April 16, 1948.

"It was on the basis of these principles which were unanimously accepted that the discussions took place."

"It was felt that in the present economic circumstances the complete removal of all restrictions on payments between the four countries would not serve the purposes in view, but then officials see possibilities of fruitful co-operation in establishing conditions favourable to the further liberalisation of payments and trade."

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## New York stock exchange

New York, December 17.

The stock market took a breathing spell today at the end of the "fastest" trading week of the year.

Leading issues showed only slight variations in price. Turnover was about 650,000 shares.

Modest advances were made by Sears Roebuck, Lockwood, Emerson Radio and United Air Lines.

Marked down were Youngstown Sheet, Montgomery Ward and Union Carbide.

Dow Jones averages: Stocks 70.83; 20 Industrials 197.08; 15 Rails 51.45; 10 Utilities 40.99.

Closing quotations: Adams Express 22 1/2; Alaska Juneau 3 1/2; American Can 100 1/2; American Steel 64 1/2; Telephone 140 1/2; Tobacco 74 1/2; Waterworks 7 1/2.

Anaconda Copper 28 1/2; Aviation Corp. 5 1/2; Baldwin Locomotive 10 1/2; Barnsdall 54 1/2; Bendix Aviation 36 1/2; Bethlehem Steel 31 1/2; Boeing Aircraft 23 1/2; Borden Co. 48 1/2; Canadian Pacific 14 1/2; J. I. Case 30 1/2; Chrysler 33 1/2; Colgate 42 1/2; Commercial Solvents 10 1/2; Corn Products 69 1/2; Du Pont 60 1/2; Eastman Kodak 47 1/2; General Electric 41 1/2; Motors 69 1/2; Goodrich 70; Goodyear 43 1/2; Homestake Mining 45; International Harvester 29; Paper 68 1/2; Tel. & Tel. 9 1/2.

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SHIP	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
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## MANILA

SHIP	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TEGELBERG"	29th Dec.	
"TJIKAMPER"	25th Jan.	
"RUYIS"	23rd Feb.	25th Dec.

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SHIP	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
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"TJIKAMPER"	25th Jan.	
"RUYIS"	23rd Feb.	25th Dec.
"TJISADANE"		7th Jan.

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"TJISADANE"	9th Jan.	7th Jan.

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SHIP	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"RIDDERKERK"	9th Jan.	In Port
"LANGLESCOT"	Early Feb.	Early Feb.

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## JAPAN

SHIP	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
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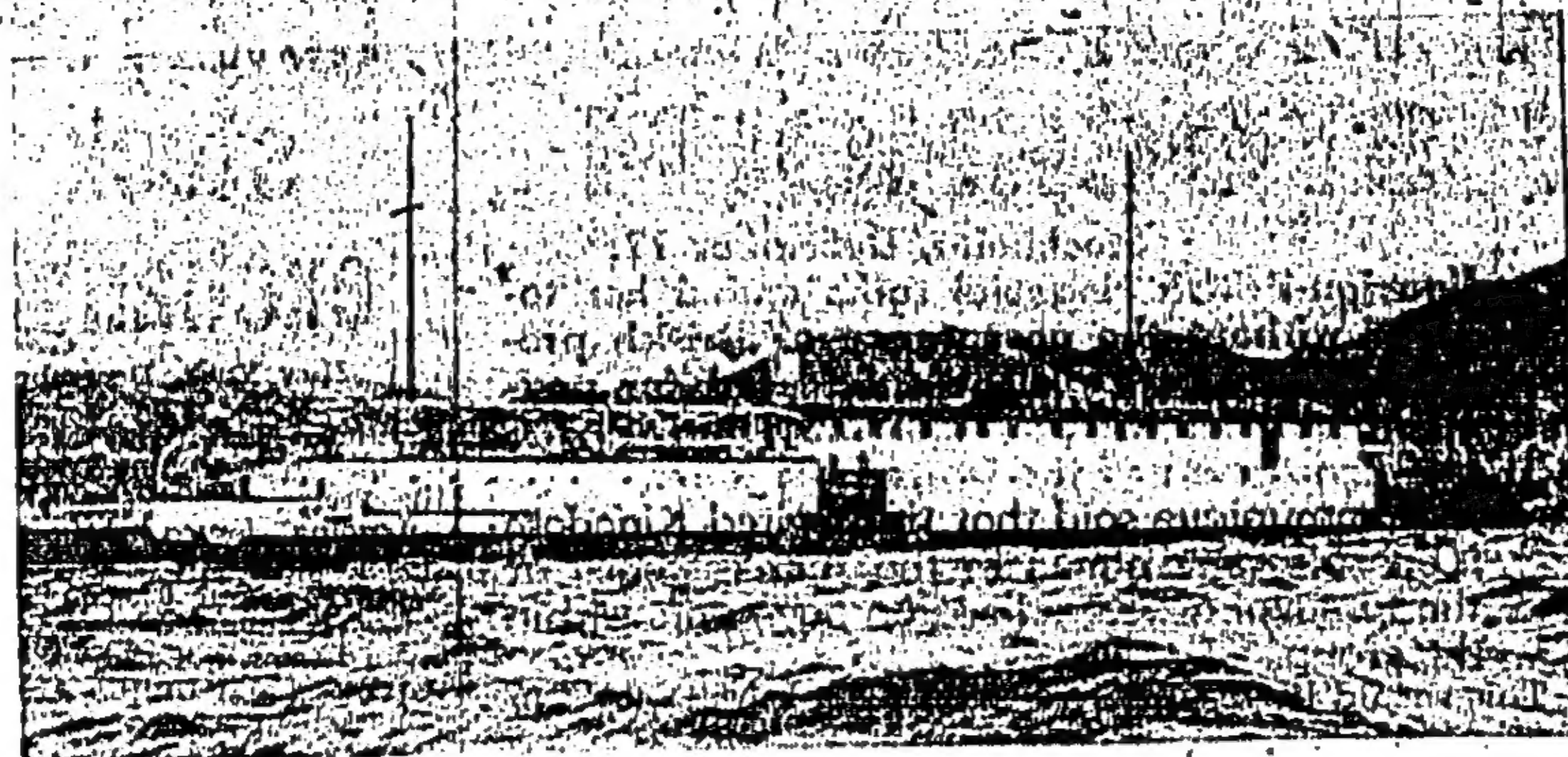
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# HONG KONG WATERFRONT

BY OUR HARBOUR REPORTER



Many local residents will remember the "good old days" aboard the Chinese Maritime Customs Revenue Hulk Tung Hui when she was in Macao waters during the last war serving as a floating war refugee centre accommodating some 400 Hong Kong refugees. She is seen here as she lies peacefully in Yaumati Bay awaiting her future assignment. ("China Mail" Photo).

## Yaumati hulk recalls Macao wartime days

### Who's who

Half a century ago, a small German sailing craft entered Hong Kong waters with a stocky Hamburg boy seaman who looked with indifference at the island colony, then in the throes of colonisation.

To him, the clusters of native craft along the rugged shores of Kowloon and the island were just typical of a China Coast port.

Last Wednesday the same seaman returned to "somewhere around this spot" (Buccleugh), this time as master of a modern American freighter. But Captain Rudolf Punjer, USNR, of the m.v. Andrea F. Luckenbach, was wide-eyed with amazement.

"My, what a change!" was all he could say after seeing the little that he could see as the ship weaved through the harbour to her mooring.

Captain Punjer, whose youthful appearance belies his 60 years, 52 of which have been spent at sea, was more than surprised when he spent a few hours ashore.

The German "sea-dog" joined a sailing vessel at the age of 16 in 1907 at Hamburg, his home town. Two years later he sailed for the Orient aboard the German four-masted bark H. C. Waelgen which took him to Hong Kong on her way home with rice from Japan.

"When we first came here, there were only one or two steamers but the port was filled with junks," the quiet-spoken master partner, a naturalised American citizen since 1912, recalled when interviewed aboard his ship.

He looked out towards the island then shrouded by a light haze of evening mist that softened the moody groups of structures on the slopes.

"She is beautiful!" he smiled.

Captain Punjer said that he first stepped on American soil in 1905 as a deserter with a few ragged clothes and one American dollar, which was his pay.

"It was common to hear of people leaving their ships," he said, "but they reached a port in the United States during those days. When my British sailing craft, Sir Robert, arrived at San Francisco after a 22-week trip from Australia, about half of the 38-man crew deserted the vessel," he recalled.

The master was a Scotsman, he added, with a wry smile.

Rudolf, then only 24, found work on American vessels, and eventually married an American girl. His 30-year-old son is now a civil engineer engaged in shore work.

During the last war, he served in the Merchant Marine ferrying troops and supplies on a round-the-world service.

"I was lucky. We were not attacked at all," he said.

Since leaving home, Captain Punjer has only returned to Hamburg twice, the first time in 1920 and the last in August this year.

"I have two sisters, who are much older than I am. Last August I saw one of them. Everything has changed nowadays everywhere," he declared.

A typical "sea-dog" the German master mariner says, he cannot remain ashore for very long.

"I have retired but I can still have some more years of sailing. It's just got in my blood, I guess," he said shrugging his broad shoulders.

### Who's who

And somewhere on the island, pouring over books of figures and dealing dexterously with elusive dollars and cents is a genial, stocky Portuguese accountant leading a sedentary life.

Go back to the grim days of the Japanese occupation of Hong Kong and take the two "characters" to Macao. It is not difficult to remember them as the Revenue Hulk Tung Hui and "Admiral" Lisbello V. Xavier—the floating war refugee centre and its skipper.

It all began with the exodus of refugees from Hong Kong to the Portuguese colony during the Japanese invasion and subsequent occupation of the British Colony. The Chinese Maritime Customs recalled the R. H. Tung Hui, then operating in the Pearl River Delta area to check smuggling, and offered her to the Macao authorities to be used as a floating hostel.

The then Governor of Macao, who was once a naval cadet, encouraged the project and through his blessings the Tung Hui was "touched up" to serve as a refugee centre.

In 1942, the Committee of the Macao Refugee Organisation formed a committee to supervise the centre and appointed Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Xavier to head the delegation.

### "The Admiral"

Mrs. Xavier, prior to her appointment, was looking after the welfare of women and children of British citizenship on behalf of the British Consul. Mr. Xavier, who became known to his associates and residents of the Tung Hui as "Admiral", was in charge of the Clube Sargeante, before he embarked on the hulk to "take the helm."

The Tung Hui was converted to accommodate some 400 refugees. Boys and girls were segregated and dormitories given to them. Families were put in cabins. Cooking facilities were improvised. Several refugee residents were trained under the capable hands of "Admiral" Xavier, who concurrently was, chief, chef. At least 60 families had to be fed two meals a day.

### Lighter moments

Life aboard was not without its lighter side. The younger generation contributed considerably to entertaining the residents. "Canterbury and dramatic sketches were held regularly. Swimming was held on sport. Electric power was supplied from shore—the Tung Hui was berthed alongside the Arla Praya. Dancing was popular. Indoor recreation for both young and old was held on the boat deck, which was well protected by a canvas awning. Then there were the "dramas" which many former residents will recall.

And another remarkable sight was that while one side of the road was devoid of pedestrians, the other was packed to the curb. Anti-psychology?

The long-lost friend.

This species will generally meet one of his kind at street junctions. Hearty hand-shaking and excited gesticulations are common sights. Then follow the "where have you been?" "where can I get you?" and "we must meet again" cross-talk.

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More haste, less speed.

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At times he is seen scurrying into the crowded pavement as approaching vehicles blow their horns, starting the wits out of him.

This hide-and-seek pedestrian is never popular not only because of his frequent and sudden disruption of the normal flow but also because of "muddled" shoes and bruised ankles often caused by his hurried boots as he jumps back into line.

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## In my log

Our dawdling millions!

Some one remarked the other day: Look at our dawdling millions!

Talking his advice, we carried out a "personal" observation by standing at several vantage points along the Fringe.

The never-ending flow of pedestrians indicated the "surfeit" population.

Two or three deep, the motley crowds coming from opposite directions melted into one another—each bent on his or her mission.

Here and there bulges in the carpeting of traffic betrayed the presence of "irritants." Fundamentally, the weak spots in the absence of "traffic security" (perhaps, inadvertently left out by Emily Post), if the right of way for each respective direction were to be observed, as in the case among vehicles, the congestion might ease considerably.

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The irritants.

These specimens are too conspicuous to be missed and generally they bear the same colours.

The window-shopper: It is she who will normally provide a counter-balance to the traffic pest in its worst when more than one get together.

They will indulge in voluble appraisal of the display, oblivious of the seething flares of frustrated passers-by who have to sidestep to proceed.

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Busy man's pause

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## Royal Navy put up grand display against KMB

### St. Louis Browns turn to a pro psychologist

St. Louis, December 17. St. Louis Browns, American League baseball team, today took their troubles to a professional psychologist.

Suffering a chronic case of the blues, the Browns today hired David Tracy, a noted expert on metaphysics, who vows to cure the St. Louis players of their nervousness and inhibitions.

The Browns Vice-President explained, "We have several players on our club who are definite sufferers of inferiority complex. We are confident that the doctor will assist in them a winning spirit."

Tracy said, "The Browns are merely victims of negative suggestion. They lost so many that they accept defeat as a matter of course. I intend to teach them positive suggestion and I am sure that there will be an immediate difference in the club's performance."

Tracy predicted that the Browns would finish fifth and maybe fourth in the 1950 League standings, following his treatment. The club was seventh next to last at the end of the 1949 season.

#### Players traded

New York, December 17. The Yankees today traded first baseman Dick Kyburz to Detroit Tigers for outfielder Dick Wakefield. There was no cash involved in the deal.

### Playing against the nap

(By "PYRAMID")

A few years ago, when playing on the club billiard table, a few weeks after I had learned some of the mysteries of the cue ball, I found myself in the simple snooker illustrated below.

Not unlike any other keen novice, I wanted to use every stroke, so instead of taking the simple way out, I attempted a show side swerve down the table.

I naturally applied right hand side to the cue-ball to turn in that direction, when to my amazement it turned to the left and passed through the D.

Feeling confident that I had applied the correct side to the cue ball, I approached the market and informed him that there was a terrible roll on the table.

A smile appeared on his face when I told him how I had found out and he accompanied me to the table.

I replayed the stroke with the same result, so he replaced the balls in their original position, and said, "Now apply left hand side to the cue-ball."

I gave him an even more astonished look, and then did as he said. To my utter amazement, the cue ball turned and struck the ball on, dispersing my statement.

He then explained to me that this was known as 'playing against the nap', and that when doing this the ball would turn in the opposite direction, until of course, it struck a cushion when, if the side was still acting, it would rebound as any other side stroke would.

#### Helped considerably

From that day, this has helped me considerably in getting out of snookers when playing against the nap, also in succeeding with this cannons in the same direction.

In my opinion, one of the most difficult strokes to pull off when playing against the nap is the follow-on loser along a cushion.

The opposite side is needed to turn the cue ball in, and if it is travelling over a little too fast, this side will prevent it from entering a pocket, if it happens to strike the wrong ball of that pocket.

### TENNIS RANKINGS

New York, December 18. Richard "Punch" Gonzalez, now a professional, was named today as No. 1 in the United States Lawn Tennis Association's men rankings for 1949.

The Rankings Committee placed Gonzalez at the top of the list despite the Association's rule that no player can be ranked if he turned professional before October 18.

Gonzalez joined Jack Kramer's professional "circuit" in September.

Red Schroeder, winner of the Wimbledon title, is ranked next to Gonzalez. The third is Billy Talbot, followed by Frank Parker, Gardner Mulloy, and Arthur Larsen.

The Royal Navy gave a grand display against Kowloon Motor Bus in a First Division League soccer match at Causeway Bay yesterday and were unfortunate to lose by the narrow margin of four goals to three.

The game was played in a clean and sporting spirit throughout and spectators were treated to 70 minutes of fast and clever football.

If the sailors had taken advantage of the opportunities which came their way, particularly in the first half, they might well have won the game instead of losing.

Kit Chee garnered another two easy points at the expense of Kwong Wah, whom they beat by four clear goals in an unimpressive game at Happy Valley.

#### Royal Navy 3—KMB 4

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The game was a very enjoyable one and some pretty good football was seen. By their perfect combination along the Chinese flank just about deserved their victory.

Had the Navy forwards seized all the chances presented them in the first half, they might have scored a surprise. The Navy goal was well guarded with its goalkeeper, and again he drew rounds of applause for some brilliant saves. He was given good support by Edge and Toren, the two backs. Decidedly, right half proved to be a sticky player. The business-like way he went about his work in defence was his clever distribution of the ball to his own forwards, a feature of the game.

The Chinese team played well to a man, with the forwards showing very good combination. Jack Yee-kit was an enterprising leader and crowned a fine afternoon's work by netting two goals.

The game started at a fast pace and the Navy were the first to get on the score. After five minutes, Jack Yee-kit sent in a terrific shot that just missed the target.

On the other hand, Spears went through on his own and came near to scoring with a glorious drive.

The next move saw Tam Woon-cheung, after receiving a pass from Tang Yee-kit, go through on his own. His parrying shot, which struck the upright, had the goalie beaten all the way. On the rebound, Chang Ming-chuen gained possession and sent in a terrific low drive. Chisholm made a full length drive and diverted the ball for a fruitless corner.

After 15 minutes of fast play, Chow Man-chi put Tang Yee-kit through for the latter to give his side the lead with a powerful drive.

Immediately from the kick-off, Spears raced through on his own, but a parrying shot was saved by Tam Woon-cheung.

Continuing to attack, Navy missed a wonderful chance of equalising when, with only the goalie to beat, from two yards Spears just missed the ball.

The second half saw the Chinese attacking and after 45 minutes Chow Man-chi put them two up on six yards range.

Not long after, Tang Yee-kit beat five defenders to put his side three up.

Undaunted by the score, Navy came back fighting and Spears reduced the lead with a low cross drive.

The Chinese went further ahead when Tam Woon-cheung beat the goalie with a strong drive.

The Navy retaliated strongly and from one of their breakaways, Spears went through to beat Tam Woon-cheung.

Daley netted the third goal for the sailors just before the end of the game.

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### RESULTS AT A GLANCE

FIRST DIVISION			
Royal Navy	3	KMB	4
Kit Chee	4	Kwong Wah	0
SECOND DIVISION			
Kit Chee	1	S. China	2
Chinese AA	7	University	2
Solicitors	2	New Vendors	2
Yard Police	0	RAF	8

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## Marathon race winner receives prize



Lt. E. R. Downer, RASC, who won the marathon race organised by the Taikee Dockyard Chinese Welfare Society on Saturday, receiving his prize from Mrs. R. S. Bell at the conclusion of the Society's 16th annual sports meet yesterday. ("China Mail" photo).

## Hong Kong Bank beat Jardines in inter-hong cricket match

In an inter-hong cricket match at Chater Road yesterday, Jardines (Ewo), proved no match for Hong Kong Bank (Woyfoong) and lost by five wickets.

Batting first, the Ewo batsmen could only compile a total of 39 runs against the deadly bowling of Cull, Smith and Haynes.

The only batsman to reach double figures was Bosanquet who scored 13. Smith took four wickets for 11 runs, Haynes, three for 13 and Cull three for 20.

Woyfoong passed Ewo's total for the loss of five wickets. Parker was top-scorer with 27 runs while Cull topped off his splendid bowling performance by scoring 10.

Barclay and Sellers each obtained two wickets for 18 and 19 runs respectively.

Ewo		Woyfoong	
S. A. Tremlett c Hooper b Smith	3	S. A. Tremlett c Hooper b Smith	3
I. M. Hutchison b Cull	3	I. M. Hutchison b Cull	3
J. V. Sellers c Hutson b Smith	3	J. V. Sellers c Hutson b Smith	3
D. T. Bosanquet b Haynes	13	D. T. Bosanquet b Haynes	13
A. B. Hawthorn c Hutson b Smith	3	A. B. Hawthorn c Hutson b Smith	3
N. D. Bookers b Smith	0	N. D. Bookers b Smith	0
H. D. M. Barton b Haynes	1	H. D. M. Barton b Haynes	1
G. M. Mills c Gutch b Haynes	4	G. M. Mills c Gutch b Haynes	4
C. Barclay c Parker b Cull	4	C. Barclay c Parker b Cull	4
A. L. Rickerts not out	7	A. L. Rickerts not out	7
T. L. Horley b Haynes	8	T. L. Horley b Haynes	8
Extras	1	Extras	1
Total	55	Total	55

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Cull	9	0	11	4
Smith	8	0	13	3
Haynes	7	1	13	3
Knighly	3	2	6	0

Wayfoong

R. S. Cull c Bosanquet b Sellers	19
Sellers	8
P. E. Hutson c Barton b Sellers	2
R. H. Nelson b Barclay	0
Parker c Mills b Rickerts	27
R. B. Gutch b Barclay	4
M. W. Turner not out	7
Extras	1
Total (for five wks)	65

It was in the 1939 season that Alice really became interested in Softball, when she watched most of the Canadians' games from the side-lines.

After polishing the pine for a full season, Alice was given a break in the outfield of the powerful team, but she was not satisfied, for inside her, she desired to be the keyplayer of the team was already taking form.

After spending hours of patient practice with the tricky upshots under the tutelage of several local slappers, Alice's abilities were recognised in 1941, when she was given a couple of innings in the easier games.

During the War years, when softball was temporarily shelved, Alice took to tennis, but the diamond urge with the re-occupation was too great to be resisted.

While sportswomen have been loud in their praise of Alice's abilities, they have never lost sight of the fact that Alice has never been lacking in charm and personality.

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## Canadians triumph over St. Teresas 7-6

(By "GRANDSTAND")

After going through 12 action-packed stanzas, Canadians nosed out St. Teresas 7-6 in their Softball game yesterday, while the Jaguars jolted the Braves with a 4-3 triumph.

St. Joseph's trampled over Los Cumbancheros 18-0 in a game in which the slugging Saints registered a no-hit, no-run, no-error dream game, behind Sherry Bucks' pitching.

Wahoos consolidated their league leadership when they subdued the Wildcats 9-2, while St. Teresas snatched a sixth inning 6-3 victory over Clovers in the Junior League.

USS Salisbury Sound disappointed fans when they blew away a substantial lead to bow before Frank Cleary's Americans by 8-8.

Baseballers extended the Paks to an overtime frame before Skelly Razack's outfit staged a five run rally in the eighth to triumph 13-8.

In the Men's Junior League the Jaguar Cubs humbled Rexes with a convincing 11-1 victory behind Roberto Silva's one-hitter.

St. Teresas made two blows in the first frame but failed to score as Kito Hyndman fanned and Mamie Xavier tossed out.

In the Canadian half, an expensive infield fumble garnered two tallies for the Maple Leaf outfit.

The Saints came back into the picture in the next chapter when a single and a sacrifice produced one run, but Canadians forged ahead again in the third on a timely single by Ozzy Rummah.

Two runs in the fourth and another in the fifth by St. Teresas tied the ball game 5-5 and as neither side could dent the rubber in the next two frames, the game went into extra innings.

In the eighth, Jack Brown received a life on a wild throw, and scored as Joey Franco belted a timely single, followed by Peppy Malle's sacrifice dump.

Concub Tiger Hussain drew a walk and was hustled to third. Igmar Ericson's fumble in the short-stop gap saw Hussain crossing the plate with the tying run once more.

In the ninth, St. Teresas threatened when Bob Remedios reached first base on an error by Peppy Malle, but the game was ended by a sacrifice.

Horbie Quon and Barney Abbas both led out to deep centre for the first two outs in their half of the eleventh, but Sherry Dany saved the day for the Maple Leaf outfit by poled out a four-master to left.

Neither side failed to obtain anything approaching a run in the tenth, but St. Teresas held the advantage again in the eleventh when Gary Scott's sacrifice fly which was fumbled again by two sacrifices.

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#### Week-end scores at a glance

##### MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE

Baseballers	8	Paks	13
St. Josephs	18	Cum'clerons	0
Jaguars	4	Braves	3
Canadians	7	St. Teresas	6

##### U.S. NAVY

Pandas	10	Chung Hwa	6
Rexes	1	Jaguars	11

##### LADIES SENIOR LEAGUE

Wahoos	9	Wildcats	2
St. Teresas	6	Clovers	3

##### MIDLET LEAGUE

Wolves	13	Mohicans	5
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#### Rugby Union trials

London, December 18. England, Scotland and Wales all held Rugby Union trials yesterday. So well did every-one play in the second England trial at Gloucester that the selectors will be faced with a difficult task in choosing the team for the final trial.

The Probables defeated the Forbibles by two goals, one try to two tries. V. R. Tindall and J. A. Gregory enhanced their claims for the wing three-quarter positions, but M. Hofmeyr failed to live up to his University match form.

Prece and Rimmer struck up an effective partnership at half for the Probables, and J. Hyde, the 18-year-old Wellington schoolboy, showed great promise.

The Scottish trial at Melrose was ruined by the weather, but it was seen that the selectors should be able to get a good sound pick from the forwards on view.

The International hooker, Lyall, brought on at the interval, was a big success. Blacks passing was a feather of the back play.

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On a muddy pitch with a strong wind blowing, the centre three-quarter play was of low standard, with the Possibles pair, Williams and Llewellyn, by far the straighter runners.

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